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Report: Obama to send 34,000 more troops



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Afghanistan plan expected Dec. 1

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McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama met Monday evening with his national security team to finalize a plan to dispatch some 34,000 additional U.S. troops over the next year to what he's called "a war of necessity" in Afghanistan, U.S. officials told McClatchy Newspapers.

Obama is expected to announce his long-awaited decision Dec. 1, followed by meetings on Capitol Hill aimed at winning congressional support amid opposition by some Democrats who are worried about the strain on the U.S. Treasury and whether Afghanistan has become a quagmire, the officials said.

The U.S. officials all spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the issue publicly and because, one official said, the White House is incensed by leaks on its Afghanistan policy that didn't originate in the White House.

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Where might some of the troops come from?

Over a nine-month period beginning in March, three Army brigades may be deployed from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., plus one Marine brigade from Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Task Force Paladin targets all facets of IED network
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Tough turkeys

Despite best efforts, most Thanksgiving meals will be minus the main dish for members of U.S. Embassy staff in Mongolia

By FRANKLIN FISHER
Stars and Stripes

PYEONGTAEK, South Korea — Every year before Thanksgiving, U.S. Embassy staff in Mongolia do something few Americans have to do.

They check whether any military flights will be leaving bases with Defense Department commissaries and heading for Chinggis Khaan International Airport in Ulaanbaatar. The aim: to avoid a Thanksgiving with no afford-

able holiday bird, or one that's cold turkey — no bird at all.

After all, in a country where the traditional national holiday dish is sheep, turkeys are pretty hard to come by.

"Every year we try to get turkeys because to go through a company here in Mongolia it'll cost \$100 per turkey," said Marissa Maurer, embassy public affairs officer.

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AP

Troops voice support for force increase

By DIANNA CAHN
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Stars and Stripes

Troops in Afghanistan on Tuesday offered cautious support for a planned increase of U.S. personnel there, saying that more forces are needed for the war.

In the south, where fighting has been intense recently, U.S. servicemembers have been hoping for reinforcements. Soldiers at Camp Nathan Smith in the city of Kandahar said they were relieved by the news.

"I think it's good — we can't ef-

fectively do our job without more troops," said Sgt. Nick Spence, 30, of Albany, N.Y.

Spence, a soldier with the 62nd Engineer Sapper Company, 4th Engineer Battalion — a unit that clears roads of explosives — said the move will either flush insurgents out or send them fleeing to Pakistan.

First Lt. Spenser Bruning, 24, of Seattle, who is in the same unit, said his soldiers often clear roads only to have insurgents come back the next day to plant fresh bombs.

"Increasing combat troops in the south will help us hold ter-

rain," he said.

In a news conference Tuesday, Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell deflected questions about specifics of the reported 34,000 troop increase, saying that Defense Secretary Robert Gates and other top military leaders will brief Congress on the plans after the president formally announces them next week.

But troops interviewed by Stars and Stripes reporters said that both support and combat troops are needed, not only to maintain current operations but also to show Afghan citizens that the U.S.

is committed to the fight.

"You can't just go in with the bare minimum," said Spc. Brett Woodyard, a 20-year-old Ohio National Guardsman. "You have to come in force and do it right."

"We've been here since 2001," he added. "We've already committed ourselves. A lot of sacrifices have been made. I think backing out now wouldn't be a good idea."

Capt. Michael Bell, an Ohio National Guardsman from 2nd Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment — part of a unit mentoring new Afghan National Army troops in northern Baghlan province —

said locals and Afghan soldiers he speaks with have expressed doubt about America's long-term commitment in the region.

"I think this will signal to our Afghan counterparts that we are committed," he said.

"I think it sends a message to the Afghans, the soldiers and the enemy. Whether it is enough or not — I think that is above me. That's for the planners and the generals to decide."

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Decision: Force increase could begin in March

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They said the commander of the U.S.-led international force in Afghanistan, Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, could arrive in Washington as early as Sunday to participate in the rollout of the new plan, including testifying before Congress toward the end of next week.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry also are expected to appear before congressional committees.

As it now stands, the plan calls for the deployment over a nine-month period beginning in March of three Army brigades from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.; the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.; and a Marine brigade from Camp Lejeune, N.C., for as many as 23,000 additional combat and support troops.

In addition, a 7,000-strong division headquarters could be sent to take command of U.S.-led NATO forces in southern Afghanistan — to which the U.S. has long been committed — and 4,000 U.S. military trainers would be dispatched to help accelerate an expansion of the Afghan army and police.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is expected to brief America's NATO allies after next week's announcement, and the allies are to meet again on Dec. 7 in Belgium to discuss whether some other nations might contribute additional troops.

The Monday evening meeting was the ninth that Obama has held on the crisis in Afghanistan, where the worsening war entered its ninth year last month. This year has seen violence reach unprecedented levels as the Taliban and allied groups have gained strength and expanded their reach.

A U.S. military official used the term "decisional" to describe Monday evening's meeting among Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Gates, Clinton, National Security Adviser Jim Jones, Eikenberry and senior U.S. military commanders.

The administration's plan con-

tains "off-ramps," points starting next June at which Obama could decide to continue the flow of troops, halt the deployments and adopt a more limited strategy or "begin looking very quickly at exiting" the country, depending on political and military progress, one defense official said.

"We have to start showing progress within six months on the political side or military side or that's it," the U.S. defense official said.

It's "not just how we get people there, but what's the strategy for getting them out," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Monday.

The approach is driven in part by concerns that Afghan President Hamid Karzai won't keep his promises to root out corruption and support political reforms, and in part by growing domestic opposition to the war, the U.S. officials said.

As McClatchy Newspapers reported last month, the Obama administration has been quietly working with U.S. allies and Afghan officials on an "Afghanistan Compact," a package of political reforms and anti-corruption measures that it hopes will boost popular support for Karzai and erase the doubts about his legitimacy raised by his fraud-tainted re-election.

The British government is offering to host a conference early next year to win international support for the compact.

Last week, Clinton adopted a more conciliatory tone toward Karzai, whom she and other administration officials had been pressing to clean up the rampant corruption and cut his ties to local warlords, some of whom traffic in opium.

In an interview with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, she said that Karzai had demonstrated "good faith" and added: "Well, there are warlords and there are warlords."

As part of its new plan, the administration, which remains skeptical of Karzai, will "work around him" by working directly with provincial and district leaders, a senior U.S. defense official told McClatchy Newspapers.

Keeping an eye out



DARIO LOPEZ-MILLS/AP

Villagers watch as Army Pfc. Kurt Zaumseil of McLean, Va., with the Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, walks toward a school project in the village of Baraki Rajn, Afghanistan.

Attorney: Insanity defense an option for Hasan

By ANGELA K. BROWN
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — An Army psychiatrist accused of killing 13 people during an attack on his Texas post will likely plead not guilty to the charges against him and may use an insanity defense at his military trial, his attorney said Monday.

John Galligan, the civilian attorney for Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, said he is considering an insanity defense among other options, but that it's too early to determine his defense strategy.

"Based on the evidence thus far, his mental status must be raised," Galligan told The Associated Press by phone from his office near Fort Hood. "Anybody

who allegedly engages in conduct that is completely contradictory to his lifestyle and military career — an insanity defense has to be considered."

Hasan has been charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder in the Nov. 5 shooting at Fort Hood, and military officials have said they may file more charges.

More than two dozen others were wounded in the shooting spree, which happened at a building where soldiers finalize their wills and are medically screened before they are deployed.

Galligan said military law requires his client to plead not guilty if prosecutors seek the death penalty, but he said that decision has not been made.

Hasan remains in intensive

care at a San Antonio military hospital. At a hearing in his hospital room Saturday, Hasan was ordered to remain in custody until trial.

Galligan said he is frustrated because prosecutors are taking too long to respond to his questions and requests. He said he has asked why no witnesses were allowed to testify during Saturday's hearing, and why it was closed to the news media.

He said he had planned to question Hasan's commander, who in documents indicated Hasan would be moved to an unspecified hospital but did not say when.

Fort Hood officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

DEFUSING AFGHANISTAN

Bomb-makers targeted by coalition in an increasingly prolific IED war

By DIANNA CAHN
Stars and Stripes

WARDAK PROVINCE,
Afghanistan

In hindsight, the crumbling wall was a clue.

Bomb specialist Thomas Rabjohn was busy disarming a homemade bomb in the Maydan Shahr Valley when Lt. John Gillette sat down on a low wall nearby and it crumbled under him, revealing a rocket, soldiers later recalled.

The men realized that the two devices were related in some way and that they were looking at something more complex than they'd come across before. Gillette jumped up and backed away.

Staff Sgt. Rabjohn looked over at the rocket but then went back to working on the main bomb. He thought he had it disarmed.

Then it exploded.

Rabjohn became the ninth U.S. bomb technician to be killed in Afghanistan in 2009. A total of six had been killed in all the prior years of the war, demonstrating the escalation this bomb-plagued conflict has seen in the past year.

The Afghan insurgency, at one point dormant if not defeated, is now the strongest it has been since the start of the war, and the Taliban and other insurgents have honed a proficiency in improvised explosive devices that is keeping coalition and Afghan forces off balance — with deadly results.

At Task Force Paladin, investigators are fighting back, using forensics, intelligence and data experts to target the network of bomb-makers. They trace the bombs back to their supply routes, financiers, builders and placers, and then try to ensure that the bomb-makers don't return to their deadly occupation.

It's a monumental challenge that will only yield long-term results if troops fighting a counterinsurgency war can win over a reluctant population. The hurdles and frustrations often dwarf the incremental progress being made, particularly when one of their own is killed.

"It's a traumatic experience on many levels," said Sgt. 1st Class William Motyka, 41, a counter-IED team leader who witnessed Rabjohn's death from several hundred yards away. "Knowing him puts a different angle on it. It's not easy to get used to the fact that someone you were just talking to 10 minutes ago is no longer there, that somebody could be disintegrated."

That was only the beginning. Motyka's men gathered evidence from the blast and chased down 22 suspects in the attack after following footprints to Kharuti, a rock quarrying village in northern Wardak.

The evidence could have been the foundation for a strong case against many of them, Paladin officers said. But in the catch-and-

release world of an undeveloped Afghan judicial system, all but three of those suspects were back on the streets within two weeks and Paladin officers had to struggle to get even those three in front of a prosecutor.

"It's baby steps," Motyka said. "Yeah, they are taken off the battlefield for [only] two weeks. But now we know who they are, where they are from. All these pieces of the puzzle are being placed. For as little as we know about the valley, it's something. 'It's slow progress,' he added. 'Only time will tell if we make good progress or not. That's the battle we are fighting here.'"

Target the network

For years, the focus of explosive ordnance disposal units was to defeat bombs, using technical expertise and downright courage to tackle the devices.

That focus has shifted.

"Now it's evolved to attack the network," said Paladin East deputy commander Maj. Mike Slevin. "You want to use what [the bomber] leaves on the scene through the crime to get him before he does it again."

In Wardak province, one of the hottest spots for IEDs, Paladin analysts say they have made some remarkable discoveries.

Wires, charges and other explosive components used in a series of bombs indicate that much of the material appears to be coming from two factories in Pakistan, said Paladin East commander Lt. Col Brennan Phillips. One is Biafo Industries Ltd., a private company that manufactures the detonators that Paladin members believe they found in some insurgent IEDs.

The other is explosives and detonator manufacturer Wah Nobel. The company is a joint venture between Saab Sweden, Almisah Saudi Arabia and Pakistan Ordnance Factories, which are the Pakistani government's munitions factories. Those factories are in a high-security compound that GlobalSecurity.org says is also likely associated with Pakistan's nuclear weapons program.

Paladin members believe they can trace commercial explosives, detonating cords and detonators to Wah Nobel.

For Phillips, who has seen the evidence, the supply route from manufacture to IED detonation runs in a straight line on the open roads from Pakistan.

"I think a significant amount of IED materials just roll across every day in trucks," Phillips said. "I think the way we combat all this is we have to convince the Pakistanis to tighten down. It is in their best interest. These are being used against them, too."

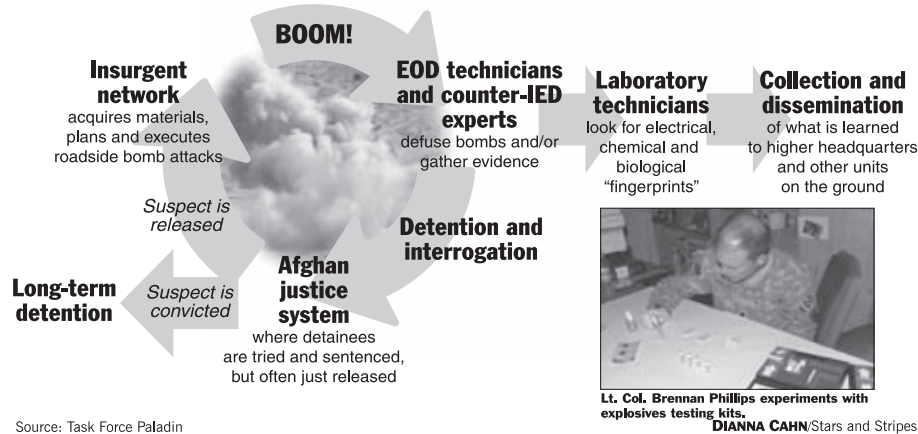
Asked about this evidence, an unidentified marketing manager at Wah Nobel rejected the Paladin findings and said the compa-

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Lt. Col Brennan Phillips
Paladin East commander

Keeping soldiers 'left of the boom'

Troops in Afghanistan describe their fight to prevent roadside bombs from exploding as staying "left of the boom." Task Force Paladin employs a team of experts in ordnance disposal, forensics, intelligence, data analysis and detentions to defuse what they can, analyze what has exploded and provide solid evidence to the Afghan justice system to get bomb-makers off the battlefield. It's one of their great frustrations that despite their efforts, tribal loyalties and corrupt officials often influence the release of detainees, placing them back in the fight.



Lt. Col. Brennan Phillips experiments with explosives testing kits.
DIANNA CAHN/Stars and Stripes

"It took until the last day to get notification that [investigators] had ANP (Afghan National Police) support. ... If they don't care about their country, why should we?"

Staff Sgt. Layne Mayerstein
EOD technician

ny follows extensive regulations imposed by the government of Pakistan.

"We fail to understand as to how the so-called investigators have positively matched your stated items to Wah Nobel products," an e-mail from the company states. "Utmost care is exercised to safeguard against landing of our products in wrong hands. The company is subject to very stringent safety and security regulations and precautions."

A spokeswoman for Saab referred questions back to Wah Nobel.

"The information regarding finds of Wah Nobel's products in Afghanistan is new for us," Ulrika Fager said in an e-mail response. "We at Saab are not in the position of answering questions about the security arrangements at Wah Nobel; instead these questions should be directed to them. We are confident in that the company strictly follows all rules and regulations issued by Pakistan authorities."

Biafo Managing Director and CEO Khawaja Amanullah Askari said no U.S., NATO or Pakistani officials have told his company of any misuse of its explosives products.

"We have advised our clients in writing that if any case of misuse of our products is brought to our notice, we shall immediately

cease dealing with that client and duly report it to the authorities," Askari wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

Paladin officers say that tightening the borders and teaching the Afghan Border Police to use metal detectors and X-ray scanners would go a long way toward blocking the supply of bomb-making materials. But that's a major challenge for a law enforcement arm that is barely functional, underpaid and mostly illiterate.

"The ABP is not very well resourced," Phillips noted. "But that's a big piece of the (counter-)IED effort. You've got to slow the flow of explosives."

At Forward Operating Base Airborne, where Rabjohn was posted when he was killed, EOD technician Staff Sgt. Layne Mayerstein said that coalition forces often have an unreliable or unwilling partner in Afghan police officers.

He cited a recent operation by 10th Mountain Division soldiers to take over a house and set up a checkpoint on a route in the Tangi Valley that is particularly prone to IED attacks.

"The entire reason to go into that house is to ... stop IED planters," Mayerstein said. "It took until the last day to get notification that they had ANP (Afghan National Police) support. They had to drag the ANP out to that

house. These people just don't care. If they don't care about their country, why should we?"

Zeroing in on suspects

Plucking bomb-makers from hostile rural regions in an ancient land is also no easy task.

Paladin's approach is to target midlevel bomb engineers, since they have the expertise. Get the engineer out of the picture, and the link breaks, the reasoning goes.

Much of the work of Paladin East focuses on the criminal network of warlord Jalaluddin Haqqani.

"There's the guys from Haqqani, the financiers," said Slevin. "There's the guys who [plant the bombs] to put food on the table. We like to target the engineers because they are the hardest to replace."

The Paladin team collects and analyzes the forensic evidence; its members do not usually go after the bomb-makers themselves. At Forward Operating Base Salerno in Khost province, a new, specially trained infantry unit was created this year to take the evidence gathered by Paladin and act as a precision strike force to zero in on suspects.

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DEFUSING AFGHANISTAN

IED: Bombs' origins are traced

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Modeled after similar units in Iraq, the 68-member Focused Targeting Force swoops in to detain a target in a pinpoint operation with as little disruption to the general population as possible.

"We are kind of like a finishing force," said Capt. John Thomason, 32, the team leader out of Colorado Springs, Colo., who is attached to the 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Regiment. "We find indisputable evidence that these guys are placing IEDs. We do a lot of investigating before we go after them, so by the time he's arrested, it's a rock-solid case."

But the judicial challenges are hair-pulling. Often, suspects can bribe or threaten their way out of custody, or use tribal, familial or historical relations to get released. Pressured by cultural loyalties that go back centuries, under-paid and under-protected law enforcers and prosecutors fear for the safety of their families.

Paladin operatives feel that they are toiling to catch suspects only to send them through a revolving-door judicial system that leads right back to the streets.

"If Iraq was like a 4-year-old child, when it comes to rules and the judicial system, Afghanistan is like a 6-month-old," said Paladin East lab director, Maj. Brian Pelley.

Still, Pelley and others at Paladin recognize that the lessons learned from Iraq dictate against treating bombing suspects as prisoners of war.

"If we create huge detention centers in Afghanistan, it will only be counter-productive in the long run," Pelley said. "We are really in the longer fight."

Paladin's fight requires patience, methodical attention to detail and a determination that is sometimes difficult to sustain. But Motyka and others say that it is in the faces of Afghan children where they see the possibility of change down the line.

After Rabjohn was killed, an Afghan schoolteacher was among the villagers who approached the counter-IED team to ask what he could do.

"We said, 'Help educate. Share that we are here to do good, to help people,'" Motyka recalled. "I feel like if you don't try, you'll never know."

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PHOTOS BY MATTHEW FREIRE/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

U.S. soldiers who are part of the Focused Targeting Force brace themselves amid a swirl of dust as they wait for a CH-47 Chinook before they depart from a mission in Afghanistan's Khost province in July. FTF soldiers, whose aim is to work stealthily and avoid disrupting villages, often land by helicopter near their targets or several miles away and hike in.

Specialty unit trades bullets for stealth

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

OKHOST PROVINCE, Afghanistan
n a recent night in this insurgent-riddled eastern border region, a team of U.S. soldiers and Afghan Border Police crept into the home of an enemy sub-commander and arrested him while he was still in bed.

Not a shot was fired. The village remained asleep until morning.

For soldiers of the Focused Targeting Force, the mission was a success because they got their suspect without disrupting and possibly alienating the population.

"This guy actually woke up with Afghan Border Police and one of our soldiers with a hand on his mouth going 'Sh-h-h-h,'" said Capt. John Thomason, 32, the team leader out of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The FTF at Forward Operating Base Salerno is the prototype for Afghanistan, and others are being planned.

Falling under the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, the Salerno FTF combined the best rifle platoon of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry with a team of Afghan Border Police. The joint team was then trained by former Special Forces soldiers to act like a top-flight SWAT team.

Support units were added, including explosives ordnance disposal technicians, dog handlers and the joint terminal attack controllers who call in air support.

So far, the targeting force has conducted more than 70 operations, seen 25 suspects



A Focused Targeting Force soldier takes a retinal scan of an Afghan man in Sabari, Afghanistan, in July. The operation focused on specific militant targets and safe havens in the Sabari and Terezai districts of Khost province in eastern Afghanistan.

through the judicial system to conviction and engaged in two firefights, team leaders said.

Instead of detaining suspects after an attack, the FTF strikes only after studying a suspect through intelligence, surveillance and evidence from bomb scenes and previous missions.

They work closely with Task Force Paladin, which has laboratories and specialists

to gather data on bomb-making networks.

"We treat it like CSI (crime scene investigation) evidence pieces," said Capt. Robb Dettmer of Forest Lake, Minn. "That's why we get to keep a lot of guys in jail."

Thomason said part of the strategy is winning over the locals, who are caught between insurgents and a foreign force working with a weak government that is unable to protect them.

"A lot of the population know these guys (insurgents) are bad, and they know they're intimidators and go around and threaten people," said 2nd Lt. Travis Ward, 32. "When they see these guys leave and no shots are fired, everybody comes out and it's like 'Hey, they got this guy and he's gone now.'"

FTF members don't kick in doors or trash houses. They are well-versed in key Pashto phrases, which they say helps avoid deadly misunderstandings. Only female soldiers approach women. And only Afghan officers handle Qurans.

At the end of an operation, the team lets village leaders know the results.

"At the scene of capture, we take all the evidence, the IED components, the rockets, machine guns," Thomason said. "We lay it all out and have him [the suspect] sit in front of it."

"Then we bring in the village elders and show them," he added. "If you are wondering why we are taking him off the battlefield," Thomason said he tells the elders, "This is what we found in his house."

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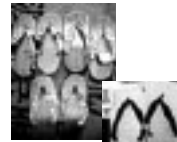
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IN THE WORLD

Emergency rule declared in Philippines

Grave unearthed, pushing death toll to 46 in election violence

By AARON FAVILA
The Associated Press

AMPATUAN, Philippines — The Philippine president placed two southern provinces under emergency rule Tuesday as security forces unearthed more bodies, pushing the death toll to 46 in some of the deadliest election violence in the nation's history.

Police and soldiers found 22 bodies in a hillside grave Tuesday, adding to the 24 bullet-riddled bodies recovered near the scene of Monday's massacre in Maguindanao province, said Chief Superintendent Josefino Cataluna of the Central Mindanao region.

This southern region of the Philippines is wracked by violent political rivalries, in addition to a long-running Islamic insurgency, but the killings have shocked this Southeast Asian nation. One adviser to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has described the massacre as the worst

in the country's recent history.

Dozens of gunmen abducted a group of journalists, supporters and relatives of a gubernatorial candidate as they traveled through Ampatuan township Monday to file candidacy documents in the provincial capital for May 2010 elections.

The gubernatorial candidate, Ismael Mangudadatu, accused a powerful political rival from the Ampatuan clan of being behind the slayings.

Mangudadatu's wife, Genalyn, and his two sisters, were among the dead.

The bodies found in the grave, about 6 feet deep, were dumped on top of one another. They included a pregnant woman. Grieving relatives helped identify their loved ones before they were given the bodies, covered by banana leaves, for burial.

Officials were still trying to determine the exact number of people intercepted by the gunmen and whether any had survived. Authorities have

said the convoy comprised about 40 people, but Cataluna said at least five other people were still missing.

Arroyo declared an emergency in the provinces of Maguindanao and Sultan Kudarat, authorizing random searches and checkpoints.

The emergency will remain in place until the president is confident law and order have been restored in the region, spokesman Cerge Remonde said.

"No one will be untouchable," Remonde told reporters.

National police chief Jesus Verzosa relieved Maguindanao's provincial police chief and three other officers of their duties and confined them to camp while they are investigated. One of the police officers was reported to have been seen in the company of the gunmen and pro-government militiamen who stopped the convoy, police said.



AARON FAVILA/AP

Police wait for relatives to identify the 22 bodies unearthed in a mass hillside grave in Datu Ampatuan, southern Philippines, on Tuesday.

China executes 2 in tainted milk scandal

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China executed a dairy farmer and a milk salesman Tuesday, the only two people sentenced to death in a scheme to water down infant formula with an industrial chemical that left at least six children dead and sickened more than 300,000.

The contamination of the milk powder with melamine was one of China's worst-ever food safety scandals, and Beijing is eager to prove it has responded swiftly and comprehensively to eliminate the problem — one in a string of food safety scares. When the scandal came to light in September 2008, there were accusations that the government had prevented the news from breaking until after the Olympic Games in Beijing ended.

Dairy farmers and the middlemen involved in the scam conspired to increase profits by watering down milk and milk products before they sold it, fooling inspectors testing for protein content by adding melamine — used in the manufacture of plastics and fertilizers. Melamine, like protein, is high in nitrogen.

Zhang Yujun, a farmer, was executed for endangering public safety, and Geng Jinping for

producing and selling toxic food, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. They were the only defendants among 21 sentenced in January to have received the death penalty.

Much of the phony protein powder that Zhang and Geng produced and sold ended up at the now-defunct Sanlu Group Co., at the time one of China's biggest dairies.

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WIRED WORLD

Study: Internet, texts and social networking keep people socially active

BY BENNY EVANGELISTA
San Francisco Chronicle

Fears that the Internet and other personal technologies are making Americans socially isolated are unfounded, according to a new study.

The study comes to the opposite conclusion: that people who use the Internet, instant messaging, mobile phones, photo sharing sites and social networks benefit from being more likely to have a larger, more diverse core of confidants.

American Internet users are also more likely to frequent public places like parks or coffee shops instead of withdrawing from society, according to the new study by the Pew Research Center and the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication.

"It turns out that those who use the Internet and mobile phones have notable social advantages," said University of Pennsylvania sociologist Keith Hampton, the study's lead author. "People use the technology to stay in touch and share information in ways that keep them socially active and connected to their communities."

The Pew Center, a non-profit think tank in Washington, D.C., conducts numerous studies on current public views about political, press and public policy issues.

But the new study is the first to look at "the relationship between the Internet and mobile phone and the issue of social isolation," said Pew Internet & American Life Project Director Lee Rainie.

The study challenges findings of a widely publicized June 2006 report by three sociologists, Miller McPherson, Lynn Smith-Lovin and Matthew Brashears, who found

a disturbing trend of Americans becoming more socially isolated in the past two decades.

The researchers suggested the cause might be the increasing reliance on the Internet instead of face-to-face meetings and increasing work or commute hours.

That study, published in the American Sociological Review, found nearly 25 percent of Americans said they had no one they could talk to about "important

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University of Pennsylvania sociologist

matters," compared with just 10 percent who felt that isolated in 1985. That study also found the average person had about two close confidants, down from about three in 1985.

Those close confidants, whether friends or family, are crucial for providing help during troubled times and provide a host of psychological and societal benefits.

The Pew-Annenberg study used the same data gathered by researchers in 1985 and surveyed about the same number of people, 2,512, as the 2006 study, but added questions focusing on Internet and mobile phone use.

The new study found only 12 percent had no close discussion partners, a slight increase from the 8.1 percent who put themselves into that category in 1985.

And only 5.8 percent were "truly socially isolated."

The study confirmed that "discussion networks," a person's core group of trusted friends and family, had shrunk by one-third since 1985.

But in an interview, Hampton said the study showed technology helped people broaden their social circle.

Frequent Internet users or bloggers had larger networks of people to discuss their concerns and were more likely to confide in someone of a different race. Owners of mobile phones were also more likely to have a larger and diverse discussion network.

Face-to-face contact remained the top form

of communication within a person's core network, followed by mobile phones and text messaging. Cards and letters were the least frequent method of contact.

Social networks such as Facebook, MySpace and LinkedIn were being used to network with a core confidant.

Internet and mobile phone users were just as likely as nonusers to know their neighbors, but were more likely to join a community group such as a neighborhood association or youth group. However, users of social networks were 30 percent less likely to know their neighbors.

"The broad finding is that people fear using technology because there is a stigma that it might lead to social isolation," Hampton said, and that fear could discourage people from finding the benefits of using new technology.

**BROADENING
SOCIAL
CIRCLES?**

Highlights from the Pew report

■ **45 percent** of Americans discuss important matters with someone who is not a family member, but Internet users are **55 percent** more likely to have a non-family discussion partner.

■ Internet users who upload photos online are **61 percent** more likely to have discussion partners across political lines.

■ Those who maintain a blog are **95 percent** more likely to discuss important issues with a person of another race.

— San Francisco Chronicle

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YOUR MONEY

State workers on the receiving end

In Michigan, overwhelmed caseworkers now fear threats from frustrated citizens

By DAVID EGGERT
The Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — One frustrated client hurled a piece of concrete through the window of a welfare agency. Another threw her car keys at a welfare worker before being escorted away. At one point, a woman on public assistance even took a swing at a worker.

As Michigan struggles with the highest jobless rate in the nation, state workers who deal with unemployment, welfare and other aid programs say they have never been so overwhelmed — or so worried about their safety. Some clients have begun taking their anger out on the very people who are offering help. And caseworkers are seeking extra protection.

“We are seeing it more and more as a dangerous situation,” said Amy Harrison, a caseworker who used to work for the state prison system, where she says she never felt as insecure as she does now.

More than 15 percent of Michigan workers do not have a job. The dismal economy has also caused record demand for food stamps and public health care, forcing impoverished clients to wait hours for help in crowded office buildings. To make matters worse, a troublesome new computer system is also causing delays.

It's a recipe for conflict — or worse.

“What is it going to take? Is



PHOTOS BY CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Michigan state Department of Human Services caseworker Sandy Satchel, foreground, works at the Family Independence Agency in Detroit. As Michigan struggles with the highest jobless rate in the nation, state workers who deal with unemployment, welfare and other aid programs say fears over safety issues have escalated.

it going to take one of us getting seriously injured or killed? I hope not,” said Laurie Massie, who works for the Department of Human Services. “I am replaceable as a state of Michigan employee. But I'm not replaceable to my friends and family.”

Massie grew fearful when a 6-foot-4, 250-pound man walked into her office in the Upper Peninsula demanding that his application for emergency assistance be processed. She told him

she was helping another client who had an appointment.

“He stood there. He stared me down,” said Massie, whose job is to determine if people are eligible for public assistance.

The man began cursing and questioning why he was not being helped. He eventually left. Workers learned later that he had a history of armed robberies and aggravated assaults.

At the Department of Human Services office in Macomb County, north of Detroit, lines have

snaked outside the door, and workers worry what will happen when winter arrives. At a Detroit office, the line forms at 7 a.m., an hour before the building opens. A client frustrated by a long wait recently threw a chunk of concrete through a window.

Terry Salacina, director of Department of Human Services field operations, says Michigan is still short 700 full-time field workers, and that's after the state hired more child welfare caseworkers to comply with a federal court order. It's also using federal stimulus money to add food-assistance specialists.

Even so, given Michigan's multibillion-dollar budget deficits, it will be tough to bring in reinforcements and to pay for more computers, phones and office space.

Earlier this month, seven caseworkers traveled to the state Cap-

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Laurie Massie
Department of Human Services employee

itol to plead with lawmakers for help. They asked for better security, more staff and help with the problem computer system.

Republican Rep. David Agema went so far as to suggest they consider carrying handguns, an idea that did not sit well with caseworkers — not to mention the fact that having a pistol in an agency that oversees child welfare is illegal.

Jan Brown, a Berrien County caseworker in southwest Michigan, says she was opening the door to see a client when a woman ran over, grabbed the door and said, “You ARE going to see me.” The woman finally left and on her way out called the front-desk workers “every name in the book.”

“This isn't happening once. This is happening daily,” said Brown, who monitors welfare recipients who have been instructed to get training or seek work. Her caseload that was once 150 is now 360 and climbing because people cannot find jobs.

Harrison, who works in Jackson in south-central Michigan, had to get an order of protection against a client who took at swing at her. She said workers are constantly threatened, and lobby security is not enough.

Salacina says threats to employees are nothing new, but now there are more of them. “It's just we have more clients,” he said.

Said Brown: “I think I'm tough, and it's frightening me. These people are angry.”

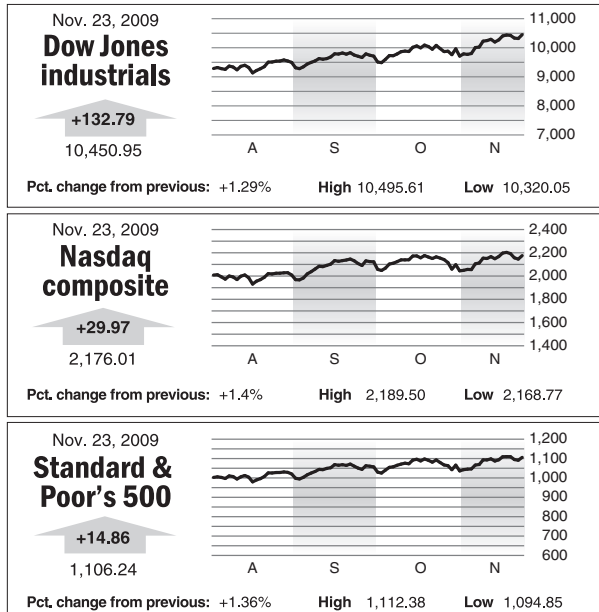
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Bahrain (Dinar).....	0.3770
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China (Yuan).....	6.8309
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Discount rate.....	0.50
Federal funds market rate.....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill.....	0.03
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Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Let's repeal 'don't ask'

I want to commend Stars and Stripes for publishing "If gays can serve openly, will straights still want to?" (article, Nov. 19), regarding "don't ask, don't tell." I thought it was balanced and informative.

Supporters of the DADT policy fear a mass heterosexual exodus from the military and poor recruiting if the policy is reversed and gays are allowed to serve openly. Other fears include decreased unit cohesion, decreased military performance and decreased moral discipline.

Many of our NATO allies, including Canada, the United Kingdom, Israel and Australia, have lifted their bans on allowing gays to serve openly in the military. What has their experience been? Did they see a mass heterosexual exodus, a mass "coming-out" of gay servicemembers, decreased unit cohesion, decreased military performance, decreased readiness, or a failure to recruit?

No, they didn't. In a survey of more than 100 military experts, all agreed that the decision to lift the ban had absolutely no effect on any of these measures. Despite people's fears, these scenarios just didn't happen.

During opposition to President Harry Truman's desegregation of the military, many of these same concerns were raised. Opposition came from high places, including Georgia Democratic Sen. Richard Russell Jr. But the fears were groundless, as experience has shown us. Desegregation of the military was the right thing to do — no matter that many people were uncomfortable with it, or that it was unpopular.

Just as it is unconscionable to fire some-

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one based on race, it's equally unjust to fire someone based on sexual orientation. We live in a country where we pledge to stand for "liberty and justice for all." Let's repeal "don't ask, don't tell" and make that pledge mean what we say.

Dr. (Capt.) Josh Packard
Camp Cropper, Iraq

Grateful for the Bushes

In response to "Bushes' low profile at Hood," (letter, Nov. 14): As was written, it seems that [former President George W. and Laura Bush] wanted to sneak under the radar and give their condolences to

those in the Fort Hood, Texas, family.

Unlike some, the Bushes see these matters as private. I recently walked into an office and saw a picture of the former president that read "Do you miss me yet?"

Well, for this soldier, sir, you don't know how much. As Americans, keep the Fort Hood family in your prayers; many of us are forever grateful for the character and disposition by which the Bushes obviously, even still today, carry themselves.

Sgt. Maj. Milton Hardy

Forward Operating Base Prosperity,
Iraq

Don't block pro-gun Web sites

I am a little surprised at what Internet sites are blocked on the public computers here in Camp Virginia, Kuwait.

I went to check on a few pro-gun Web sites and found they were all blocked. I also tried the National Rifle Association's main home page. It, too, was blocked. I then checked as many anti-gun Web sites as I could find and was able to access them all.

I find it disturbing that, on government-sponsored computers used by armed forces personnel, I am not able to read information [linked to] our Second Amendment. Yet any information that is against this constitutional right is readily accessible.

This needs to change. As servicemembers, we often have to give up many of the rights we work so hard to defend; our right to keep and bear arms and our right to political expression should not be something we have to sacrifice.

Sgt. Greg White
Camp Virginia, Kuwait

NASA complex can work on military jobs

Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel editorial

After almost three decades, NASA's space shuttle program is nearing the finish line. Atlantis, now docked at the International Space Station, is scheduled to make its last trip into orbit in May. Barring delays or a change of heart from Congress and the White House, the other two shuttles, Discovery and Endeavor, also will be grounded for good by this time next year.

Unfortunately, the economic turmoil for Florida's Space Coast is just getting started. Shuttle contractors for NASA already have begun cutting jobs there in anticipation of the program's end. Last month, more than 250 positions were eliminated.

If shuttles are retired as planned, a small army of highly skilled, well-paid workers on the Space Coast will lose their jobs; NASA has put the number at 7,000. Thousands more jobs that depend on them also will disappear. It could be five years or more before the next manned space program, Constellation, is ready to launch from Kennedy Space Center.

With such a disaster looming for the region's economy, it's imperative for federal,

state and local officials together to explore every reasonable opportunity to keep this work force employed and productive.

Such an opportunity was proposed last week by the head of Space Florida, the agency charged with developing the industry in the state, and the president of United Space Alliance, the shuttle's lead private contractor. Under their proposal, NASA would transfer to another government agency — perhaps to Space Florida — its Shuttle Logistics Depot, a Cape Canaveral complex of machine shops and labs that have supported the program. United Space Alliance would then use the complex, its equipment and — most important — its work force of 300 engineers, technicians and machinists to produce and refurbish equipment for the U.S. military. There's billions of dollars of this kind of work to be done because of the long U.S. deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Space Florida's president, Frank DiBello, says there's also a shortage of skilled manufacturing and refurbishing contractors for the military.

The transformation of the complex wouldn't be easy, as DiBello acknowledges. It has been fabricating a small number

of parts for NASA. As a military supplier, it would be making parts by the hundreds or thousands. And United Space Alliance would have to compete with other military contractors. But in demonstration projects, the complex already has produced equipment for the Air Force and the Army. It could compete for commercial jobs, too.

NASA would have to agree to hand over the complex — that's unlikely before the Obama administration comes out with its plan for space in the next few months. Some federal and state money might be needed to help make the transformation.

There are many details to be worked out. But if planners can make the case that the project is worthy of public dollars, members of Congress from Florida and state legislators should go to bat for it.

If this seems like a lot of trouble for 300 jobs, DiBello believes the work force at the complex could multiply over time, and could create other high-wage jobs. The Space Coast will not find one or two employers to hire the thousands of workers left idle by NASA. The region will need to rebuild its economy piece by piece. Its leaders don't have any time to waste.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Bad check charges leveled at hospital

AR MURFREESBORO — The administrator and chief operating officer of the Pike County Hospital have been arrested on felony hot check charges for allegedly writing bad checks to a physician.

Authorities said Robert Hicks, 61, of Oklahoma City and Arthur Clyde Benson Jr., 63, of Richardson, Texas, wrote two checks for nearly \$8,900 for salary payments to Dr. George Gray of Little Rock. Hicks serves as the chief operating officer for the hospital while Benson is the administrator.

The two checks were drawn on the First State Bank of De Queen for \$3,000 and \$5,838. Prosecutor Bryan Chesshir said his office has heard complaints about insufficient funds concerning the hospital, but few people have brought the checks to him.

Coveted canyon permits prove difficult to obtain

AZ FLAGSTAFF — Getting one of the roughly 11,500 permits granted each year to backpack overnight in the Grand Canyon has become so competitive and "unfair" that managers at the national park have decided to change the system.

Those who want the coveted permits have had to either show up in person or try their luck with mail or fax machines on the day the permits become available.

Those who went in person lined up at the backcountry office starting early in the morning. Those who tried to fax often were in for hours of constantly redialing because of the demand.

The agency is proposing to end the current system in February, making everyone in the world compete for advanced reservations by fax and mail only, the Arizona Daily Sun has reported.

Excessive force probe opened in train incident

CA OAKLAND — A train passenger's video of an arrest shows heavy-duty glass shattering and showering down on a San Francisco area transit police officer and an unruly passenger in an incident that injured both men.

The video, which was posted on YouTube, shows the Bay Area Rapid Transit officer pushing the passenger toward a glass wall along the West Oakland station platform. It's unclear what caused the glass to break.

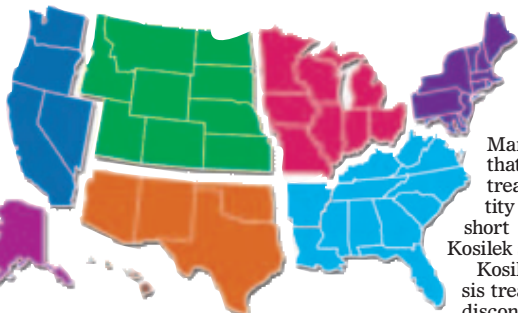
BART police Cmdr. Daniel Hartwig said the latest use-of-force case will be investigated.

Portions of the incident were also captured on train and platform video, a BART statement said.

The officer suffered cuts and a concussion, while the passenger, Michael Joseph Gibson of San Leandro, had cuts on his right hand, right forearm, right palm and head — none of which required stitches, a BART statement said.

Teen shot 11 times, dies after faceoff with police

NY NEW YORK — A teenager killed in a confronta-



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tion with New York City police was shot 11 times, the medical examiner's office said.

Dashawn Vasconcellos, 18, died of gunshot wounds to the torso, neck and extremities, medical examiner spokeswoman Ellen Borakove said. Police fired a total of 14 times, chief NYPD spokesman Paul J. Browne said.

According to an autopsy, Vasconcellos had three gunshot wounds in the middle of his back, five in his right side and three on his left side, Borakove said. Five police bullets were recovered during the autopsy, she said.

Vasconcellos and two others were spotted leaving a city park in the city's Queens borough at about 11:30 p.m. by four officers in an unmarked car. Vasconcellos ran and was pursued by three officers. He then turned and pointed a 9mm semiautomatic pistol at them, Browne said.

Transgender convict sues over electrolysis

MA BOSTON — A convicted murderer serving a life sentence goes before a judge to ask for electrolysis treatments as she seeks a taxpayer-funded sex-change operation.

Michelle Kosilek was born as Robert and has been living as a woman in an all-male prison in Norfolk for murdering of his wife, Cheryl, in 1990.

Prison officials oppose Kosilek's

request for surgery, saying the sex change would pose security problems.

U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled in 2002 that Kosilek was entitled to treatment for gender identity disorder, but stopped short of ordering surgery. Kosilek sued again in 2005.

Kosilek had seven electrolysis treatments, but they were discontinued.

Four people injured by jolting cable car

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Authorities said four people were hurt when one of San Francisco's historic cable cars jarred to a sudden stop while traveling through downtown.

Municipal Transportation Agency spokesman Judson True said two passengers, the cable car's gripman and conductor were hospitalized after the accident. Their injuries are not life-threatening.

The cable car on the Powell Street line came to a quick halt after a problem with an underground cable forced central control to shut the system down automatically.

Police: Man killed puppy who interrupted football

PA BRIDGEVILLE — Police said a western Pennsylvania man told them he kicked his girlfriend's puppy to death because he was upset that the pit bull wouldn't behave before the start of the Pittsburgh Steelers game.

William Woodson, 22, of Bridgeville, remained jailed on a charge of animal cruelty.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported that a witness told police that Woodson was kicking the dog down the street shortly after 1 p.m., which is when the football game began. Police said Woodson was supposed to be taking the pit bull for a walk, but the animal resisted.

Thief makes off with pastor's wallet, jewelry

NE LINCOLN — Police are investigating the armed robbery of a pastor at his church.

Police said the pastor, Christopher Anderson, 52, opened a door at Glad Tidings Assembly of God for someone who was knocking late at night. The man asked for money, but Anderson said he didn't have any to give.

Anderson told police that when he started to close the door, the man grabbed him by the hair and slammed his face against a table.

Police said the robber held a knife to the pastor's face and took his wallet, watch and wedding ring.

Report of hostage crisis prompts police search

MO JEFFERSON CITY — Police said an unfounded report of a hostage situation in a building near the Missouri governor's mansion was caused by someone calling an elevator phone to warn of a hostage-taking.

Police locked down the Jefferson City office building for several hours and searched office by office and found nothing.

The hostage report started with a call from a still unidentified person.



You must be this adorable to ride

Monaco Greene, 4, has a seat while waiting for her mother, Asia Greene, who was trying to get rebooked after her Delta flight from Sacramento International Airport to New York via Atlanta was canceled.



Born to toy run

annual Bikers Toy Run.

Ronnie "Red Man" McNutt of Mayfield, Ky., dressed as Santa Claus, sits atop his motorcycle in Paducah, Ky., for the 26th



One prepared pup

Sharon Taylor walks Luna, a 3-year-old Labrador, in Carson City, Nev.



No crying over spilled milk crates
Ice Rink. Tate was not injured and soon was up trying to skate a again. Tate Brookshire, 5, of Lone Oak, Ky., heads for a fall after slipping while trying to keep his balance with a pair of milk crates at the Paducah Seasonal



Chill for charity
Nicki Schroeder of Peosta, Iowa, cringes as she hits the frigid waters of the Mississippi River during the 11th annual Polar Plunge fundraiser in Dubuque. Participants raised more than \$19,000 for the Special Olympics in Iowa during this year's event.



Charity chief
The Salvation Army's new mascot, Captain Cares, rings his bell in New York's Times Square.



You scratch my horn ...
Mlelani, left, lets her newborn White Rhinoceros calf scratch on her horn at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay in Florida.

1 found dead, several rescued from motel fire

IN VINCENNES — Firefighters have found one body and rescued several people from a fire at a southwestern Indiana motel. The Vincennes Fire Department said two people suffering from smoke inhalation were taken to an Indianapolis hospital after the fire at a Days Inn near U.S. 41. One police officer suffered a hand injury. Fire Chief Mike Lankford said it wasn't immediately known what caused the fire.

Turkey company offers free bird for blood

TX TYLER — Give a pint, get some poultry. A blood drive in Tyler is meant to bolster supplies and help put food on the Thanksgiving table. Greenberg Smoked Turkey is offering a free turkey to anyone who donates a pint of blood. Owner Sam Greenberg calls it a "win-win deal for everyone." It's the fourth year in a row for the free turkey blood drive, which last year saw about 1,600 birds given away.

Beating of student may be tied to Facebook

CA CALABASAS — Authorities say a 12-year-old boy assaulted by a group of middle school classmates in Southern California may have been targeted after an Internet posting urged students to beat up redheads. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lt. Richard Erickson said the attackers may have been motivated by a Facebook message announcing "Kick a Ginger Day." The posting may have been inspired by an episode of the television show "South Park." The boy was not seriously hurt. Erickson said there may be other victims.

Park agency to slash 62.5 percent of budget

IN ANDERSON — The Parks and Recreation department in Anderson, Ind., has seen the biggest drop in funding for 2010 than any other city sector. The parks department will go from a budget of about \$2 million in 2009 to about \$750,000 in 2010, Superintendent Fred Reese said, a 62.5 percent drop. City officials hope to decide within a couple of weeks how they will handle the loss of funding in the parks department, which could result in layoffs, a decrease in the number of parks in the city or a loss of services.

Investigation looks into cops skirting furloughs

WI MILWAUKEE — Brash talk by a few Milwaukee police officers led city officials to investigate whether some officers were trying to manipulate overtime and paid time off to cancel out unpaid furlough days. The probe raised questions about several police personnel who racked up large amounts of overtime in a scheduled furlough week. But both the Police Department and the police union insist nobody has evaded the mandatory furloughs, and they say nobody will

be allowed to do so. The Milwaukee Police Association has openly mounted a three-pronged legal assault to overturn the unpaid days off.

Slithering good show draws crowd

FL PALMETTO — There were boa constrictors, imported frogs and an Argentine tegu. It was a wild crowd at the Manatee Convention Center, which hosted the Repticon Manatee reptile show. Exotic reptiles and other wildlife was on display as 55-60 vendors hawked their wares during the expo. A couple thousand people attended, estimated Shirley Healy, representing Repticon the company that organized the show. Licensed dealers had a diverse array of merchandise on display: Frogs, turtles, rabbits, birds, rats, dogs, and boxes of snakes of every hue.

County residents oppose new liquor store

MS BENVILLE — Residents of this small, rural community in Hancock County say they don't need a liquor store. Representatives opposed to a proposed package store opening less than a quarter-mile from the dry Pearl River County and within walking distance of an elementary school appealed the Planning and Zoning Board's decision to grant County Line Liquor and Wine LLC a special exception to operate. Supervisors granted the appeal but have not set a date for the public hearing. Lorraine Werner said she and her niece, Loray Maurigi, both of Bay St. Louis, plan to open a tasteful, lawful store.

Four arrested during Fort Benning protests

GA COLUMBUS — Four people who were arrested during protests at Fort Benning are to appear in federal court in Columbus. The protesters were taking part in the annual demonstrations against the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the School of the Americas. The school at Fort Benning trains Latin American soldiers. Protesters say it's linked to human rights violations in Latin America.

Red Cross hopes texts attract younger donors

OK TULSA — "Thx for registering for Red Cross txt alerts! The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood." Hoping to tap into the pool of younger text-messagers, the Red Cross is adding a messaging component to its methods of communicating with blood donors and potential donors, said Jan Hale, communications director for the Tulsa office of the American Red Cross. To start getting the Red Cross text messages, text the word "red-cross" (without the quote marks) to 42227 or register online at bloodisneeded.org. Hale said she expects the system to have broad appeal. Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

At first it will be too easy to lose sight of what is really important on this day of thanksgiving. But then the Pisces moon takes over to put things in perspective. "Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving." — H.U. Westermayer

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 26). Your credibility is what gets you in the door to a stellar arrangement in the next 10 weeks. Partnerships evolve through December, and you'll be so happy with where you land in February. Through April, you won't have to struggle to get ahead. You'll coast and attract abundance at the same time. Capricorn and Cancer people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know that you have much to be grateful for, especially in regards to your relationships. You'll show people indirectly how much they mean to you. Some will need you to spell it out, though.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The morning sun seems to shine just for you. And the people who will gather around you, strangers and friends alike, will seem to have a special affection and respect for you. All is as it should be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You were born with the gift of gab and will use it to lighten the mood wherever you go. You'll also introduce people to one another, and your efforts could even produce a love match.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get ready to show off. You'll dress with attitude, put yourself in a social mood and then connect with just the ones you need to know. You will impress all, including yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may not agree with the exact order of things or understand why they turn out

the way they do, but you take great pleasure as it all unfolds. You'll go to sleep tonight with a glad heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Hopefully, you were up early today. If not, stop and take some time to plan your proceedings. Running things through in your mind first will guarantee the success of your whole day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Telling people that you are thankful for their friendship is the ideal way to celebrate today. It could feel weird at first, but just do it. Once you start expressing your heart, it will get easier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). One way you show your gratitude is to actually use the gifts you were given. In fact, this is the best way that you or anyone else could honor the great spirit that animates you and all things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be modest, perhaps even shy. But if you're not ready to enjoy the attention you'll get for your own accomplishments, you will still be eager to celebrate others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People feel fantastic around you. You have a way of arranging your environment to bring in the good vibes. Plus, you'll say just the thing that makes others feel acknowledged and understood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you make your day about gratitude and togetherness, the food turns out great. But if you worry too much about the food and forget the gratitude, there will be issues. Stay focused on what matters.

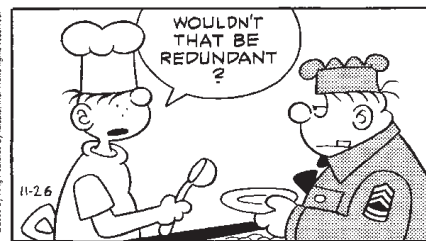
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've traveled to be with loved ones you haven't seen in a while, or they've journeyed to be with you. You may, in this process, realize why you live so far apart. Still, saying "thank you" is a prayer that is always heard.

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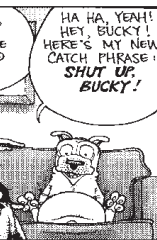
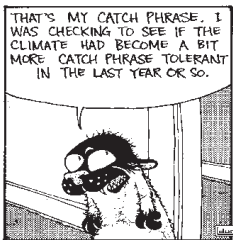
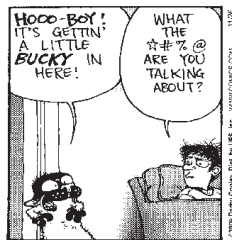
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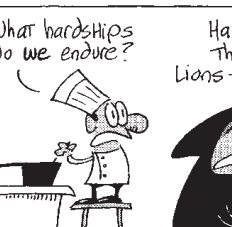
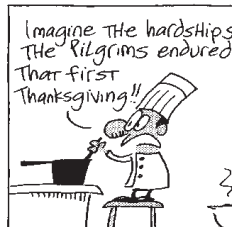
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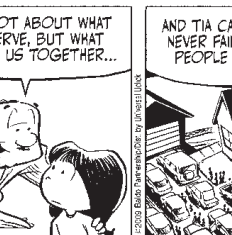
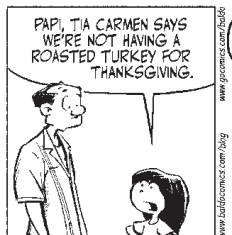
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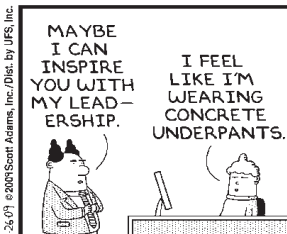
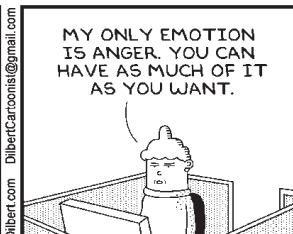
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Difficulty: Hard

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's solution

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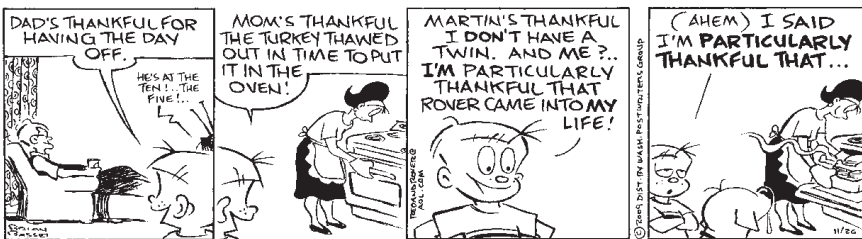
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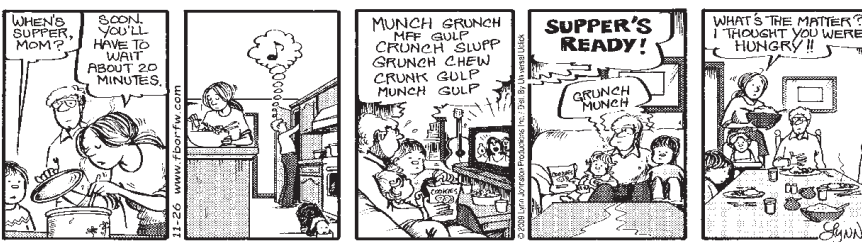
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 1 Pouch
- 4 Crooner Perry
- 8 Cribbage scorekeepers
- 12 Berlin's "What'll —?"
- 13 Paper quantity
- 14 Bound
- 15 Trade
- 17 — mater
- 18 Central
- 19 Israeli parliament
- 21 Toxic hydrocarbon
- 24 Perched
- 25 Toss in
- 26 Uncle, south of the border
- 28 Sounds from grandfather?
- 32 Cry
- 34 Saloon
- 36 Scoop holder
- 37 Twangy
- 39 Beam of light
- 41 Culpa precursor
- 42 Clampett patriarch
- 44 Cyclist's protection
- 46 A, C or E
- 50 Mermaid's realm
- 51 Grad
- 52 Shared
- 56 Actress Sorvino
- 57 Duel tool

- 58 Conk out
- 59 Nerd-pack contents
- 60 Stitched together
- 61 Mined-over matter

- 20 Chow down
- 21 Sunrise
- 22 Notion
- 23 Pinch
- 27 "— Town"
- 29 Shock trooper
- 30 Dandling site
- 31 Chair part
- 33 Nightwear
- 35 "Humbug!"
- 38 Moon vehicle
- 40 Sycophants
- 43 Chops into cubes
- 45 Romanian money
- 46 Temptress
- 47 Nastase of tennis
- 48 Swerve
- 49 "Unh-unh"
- 53 Kitten's comment
- 54 Balloon fill
- 55 Novelist Harper

DOWN

- 1 Bracketed word
- 2 Commotion
- 3 Low chests of drawers
- 4 One way to pay
- 5 "— the fields we go"
- 6 Big name in trucks
- 7 Portents
- 8 Barbie's makeup?
- 9 Morays, e.g.
- 10 Ready for action
- 11 Lovers' quarrel
- 16 Blend

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals I

AFN Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at www.myafn.net

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009									
	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(:05) Movie "Changing Lanes" (2002) Ben Affleck. A car accident puts two men on a collision course.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Ground Breakers	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Recon	Color Splash		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	MythBusters Viral videos from the Internet.	SportsCenter	
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Behind the Scenes	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The American Veteran	King of the Hill	Sports	X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	Ent. Studios	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	The Colbert Report		Family Guy "Pterotica"
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Daffy Duck-Thanks	Movie "Failure to Launch" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker.	The O'Reilly Factor	American Dad	Ft. Hood on Track	Dancing With the Stars		The Ultimate Fighter
19:30		Zoey 101			Family Guy	Today's Air Force			
20:00	Access Hollywood	American Dreams Jack presses Helen to quit her job.		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Hawthorne "All the Wrong Places"	Briefing Encore			WWE Monday Night Raw
20:30	The King of Queens					Fit For Duty			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Crunch Time"	(8:50) Movie "Guess Who" (2005, Comedy) Bernie Mac. A black man meets his daughter's white boyfriend.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	The Mentalist "Red Hair and Silver Tape"		
21:30						Air Force Football			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Contest"		
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Lost Souls"	(10:50) Movie "Home for the Holidays" (1995)	America's Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30						Week-Pentagon	The Colbert Report		
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009									
00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Daffy Duck-Thanks	(10:50) Home for the Holidays	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Tour of Duty	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Zoey 101	(:35) Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			X Play
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	American Dreams Jack presses Helen to quit her job.		MSNBC Live	Judge Judy	EXchange on Air	Lipstick Jungle "Chapter Two: Nothing Sacred"		Yo Momma
1:30	Jeopardy!					Fit For Duty			The Simpsons
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Crunch Time"		Happening Now	House "Painless"	Today's Air Force	Ghost Whisperer "Threshold"		Family Guy "Pterotica"
2:30	ATS/AFN Report		(:35) Movie "Failure to Launch" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker.			Around the Services			The Ultimate Fighter
3:00	American Dad "Stan Time"	Degrassi: Next Generation		Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Psych "Black and Tan: A Crime of Fashion"		
3:30	Family Guy	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				This Week in the Pentagon			
4:00	Hawthorne "All the Wrong Places"	7th Heaven "Lost Souls"	(:25) Movie "Guess Who" (2005, Comedy) Bernie Mac, Ashton Kutcher. A black man meets his daughter's white boyfriend.	MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Contest"	Sports	WWE Monday Night Raw
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	All Hands TV	Essence of Emeril	Sports	
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien		(:25) Movie "A Very Brady Sequel" (1996, Comedy) Shelley Long, Gary Cole.	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Recon	Down Home With the Neelys	Jim Rome Is Burning	
7:00		Winnie the Pooh Thanks Bugs Bunny Thanksgiving				Downrange	El News Entertainment news.	Around the Horn	Attack of the Show!
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman					Around the Services	The Daily 10	Pardon the Interruption	
8:00		Movie "Pocahontas" (1995) Voices of Irene Bedard, Judy Kuhn. Animated. A Powhatan maiden falls for an English settler.	(:10) Movie "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. Kevin ends up in New York when he boards the wrong plane.	Around the Services	Sesame Street	Briefing Encore	ER "Twenty-One Guns" Gunmen invade County General.	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson			NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon			
9:00				World News-Gibson	The View	Fit For Duty	Desperate Housewives "Back in Business"	Sports	Sports
9:30	Judge Judy			CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
10:00	House "Painless"	Movie "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan. A tornado whisks a Kansas girl to a magical land.	(:25) Movie "Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A genetically enhanced man seeks his shortchanged twin.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Dr. Phil	FNG Useful benefits.	Grey's Anatomy "Dream a Little Dream of Me" (Part 2 of 2)		
10:30						State Dept Briefing			
11:00	Oprah Winfrey		(:25) Movie "Uptown Girls" (2003, Comedy) Brittany Murphy, Dakota Fanning.	Hannity	The Dr. Oz Show	Air Force Football	Judge Judy		
11:30						AFN Europe Report	Judge Alex		
12:00	Dr. Phil	iCarly "iPilot"		Anderson Cooper 360	Access Hollywood	The Grill Sergeants	CSI: NY "Officer Blue"	Sports	
12:30		iCarly "iWant More Viewers"	(:25) Movie "The Nutty Professor" (1996) Eddie Murphy. A plump scientist transforms himself into a suave swinger.		The King of Queens	Fit For Duty			
13:00	CBS Evening News	iCarly		Special Report With Bret Baier	The Young and the Restless	Battleground	Challenge		
13:30	ESPNEWS	iCarly Irresponsible Spencer.				Around the Services			
14:00	Prime News Tonight	iCarly "iStakeout"	(:15) Movie "The Nutty Professor" (1996) Eddie Murphy. A plump scientist transforms himself into a suave swinger.	Campbell Brown	General Hospital	Briefing Encore	Emeril Live		
14:30		iCarly				Downrange			
15:00	NBC Nightly News	iCarly Carly plans a dinner.		Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	iCarly "iHatch Chicks"				Balad and Beyond	Deserving Design		
16:00	Sesame Street	iCarly "iPromote Techfoots"	Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley. Jack Sparrow's friends join forces to save him.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	Friends	SportsCenter	
16:30		iCarly "iRue the Day"				Battleground	Friends		
17:00	The View	iCarly "iWill Date Freddie"		Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The Grill Sergeants	Friends	Sports	X Play
17:30		iCarly Sam gets detention.		Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	FNG Useful benefits.	Friends		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	iCarly Favorite artist.		Nightly Business Report	ER "Tandem Repeats"	Around the Services	Friends		The Simpsons
18:30		iCarly "iLike Jake"		Nightline		Downrange	Friends		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Lincoln Heights Sage moves into the Sutton's home.	Movie "Step Brothers" (2008) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.	The O'Reilly Factor	ER "The Chicago Way"	This Week in the Pentagon	America's Next Top Model		The Hills
19:30						The American Veteran			Busted
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Lincoln Heights "Ode to Joy"		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	ER "Life After Death"	Briefing Encore	Cold Case "Glory Days"		The Real World Another roommate says goodbye.
20:30						Fit For Duty			From G's to Gents
21:00	General Hospital	Lincoln Heights "Price You Pay"	(8:55) Movie "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin. A man must handle the chaos surrounding his 12 children.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	Army Wives "Family Readiness"		
21:30						Recon Revisited			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Lincoln Heights "Prom Night"		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Airport"		SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade	Lincoln Heights An earthquake strikes Lincoln Heights.	(10:50) Movie "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987)	America's Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30						Recon	The Colbert Report		
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009									
00:00	(11:00) Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade New York's 83rd annual event features floats, balloons and marching bands.	Lincoln Heights Sage moves into the Sutton's home.	Planes, Trains & Automobiles	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Army Newswatch	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30			(:40) Movie "The Blues Brothers" (1980, Musical Comedy) John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Joliet Jake and Elwood Blues reunite hot Chicago band.		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange	Burn Notice "Comrades"		X Play
1:00		Lincoln Heights "Ode to Joy"		MSNBC Live	Judge Judy	This Week in the Pentagon			Yo Momma
1:30	ER "Tandem Repeats"	Lincoln Heights "Price You Pay"		Happening Now	House Cuddy gives some of her responsibilities to Cameron.	Fit For Duty	Lipstick Jungle "Chapter Five: Dressed to Kill"		The Simpsons
2:00						The American Veteran			Family Guy
2:30	ER "The Chicago Way"	Lincoln Heights "Prom Night"	(:10) Movie "Step Brothers" (2008) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Medium "Do You Hear What I Hear"		The Hills
3:00						All Hands TV			Busted
4:00	ER "Life After Death"	Lincoln Heights An earthquake strikes Lincoln Heights.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Airport"	Sports	The Real World Another roommate says goodbye.
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		From G's to Gents
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies	(:05) Movie "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	

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AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.—NFL RePlay: Game 2, Atlanta at N.Y. Giants (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

Thursday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.—NBA: Oklahoma City at Utah (dld, 2-hour cutdown).
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA: Miami at Orlando.
AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.—NHL: St. Louis at Dallas.
AFN-Sports, noon—College basketball: Maui Invitational championships, teams TBD.
AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.—NHL: Chicago at San Jose.
AFN-Xtra, 3 p.m.—Motorcycle racing: AMA Motocross Championship, Steel City (dld).
AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—College basketball: NIT Season Tip-Off semifinal, LSU vs. Connecticut (dld).
AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—College basketball: NIT Season Tip-Off semifinal, Arizona State vs. Duke (dld).
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.—NFL RePlay: Game 3, Cleveland at Detroit (dld, 90-minute cutdown).
AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.—NFL RePlay: Game 4, Indianapolis at Baltimore (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

Friday

AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m.—NFL: Green Bay at Detroit.
AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.—NFL: Oakland at Dallas.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NFL: N.Y. Giants at Denver.
AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.—College football: Texas at Texas A&M.
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American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Named DeMarlo Hale bench coach, Tim Boggar third base coach, Ron Johnson first base coach and Rob Leary major league coaching staff assistant.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with SS Omar Vizquel on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with 3B Dallas McPherson on a minor league contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Named John Stearns, Todd Greene and Bill Masse major league scouts.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Wally Hayward executive vice president, chief sales and marketing officer.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Britt Burns pitching coordinator, Jaime Garcia assistant pitching coordinator, Mike Barnett hitting coordinator, Danny Sheffer catching coordinator, Jim Pankof in-field coordinator, Mike Smith strength/conditioning coordinator, Pete Fagan medical coordinator and Ed Romero manager of Greeneville (Appalachian).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Chris Capuano on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed CB Mike McKenzie.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Montreal F Georges Laraque for five games for an incident that took place during a Nov. 21 game against Detroit.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Reassigned LHP Bryan Bickell to Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Placed F Derek Dorsett on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 19.
MINNESOTA WILD—Traded LHP Benoit Pouliot to Montreal for LHP Guillaume Latendresse.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled F Sergei Kostitsyn from Hamilton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Fired San Antonio (AHL) coach Greg Ireland. Named Ray Edwards interim coach.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Reassigned F Benn Ferriero, F Ryan Vesce and F Logan Couture to Worcester (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Reassigned D Mike Lundin to Norfolk (AHL).
COLLEGE
APPALACHIAN STATE—Named Mike Kent director of strength and conditioning, effective Dec. 1.
NORTHEASTERN—Announced it is dropping its football program.
SAM HOUSTON STATE—Fired football coach Todd Whitten.
WESTERN KENTUCKY—Named Willie Taggart football coach.

College basketball

AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:			
	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (56)	3-0	1,613	1
2. Michigan St. (7)	4-0	1,538	2
3. Texas (1)	2-0	1,439	3
4. Villanova	5-0	1,397	5
5. Kentucky	4-0	1,333	4
6. Purdue	3-0	1,314	7
7. Duke	4-0	1,163	9
8. West Virginia	1-0	1,133	8
9. Tennessee	4-0	1,040	10
10. Syracuse (1)	4-0	1,013	—
11. North Carolina	4-1	914	6
12. Butler	3-0	872	11
13. Connecticut	3-0	850	12
14. Washington	4-0	844	14
15. Michigan	2-0	672	15
16. Louisville	3-0	486	20
17. Ohio St.	3-1	466	15
18. Georgetown	3-0	418	19
19. Clemson	3-0	408	22
20. Illinois	3-0	366	23
21. Maryland	3-0	296	25
22. Minnesota	3-0	292	24
23. Notre Dame	4-0	117	—
24. Vanderbilt	2-0	108	—
25. Oklahoma	2-1	107	17

Others receiving votes: Gonzaga 90, Florida St. 84, Georgia Tech 76, California 72, Mississippi 67, Xavier 67, Oklahoma St. 59, Memphis 56, Florida 52, Kansas St. 49, Wake Forest 49, Dayton 48, BYU 42, Tulsa 31, Miami 24, Texas A&M 10, Missouri 8, Mississippi St. 7, Old Dominion 7, Pittsburgh 6, UNLV 5, South Carolina 4, Temple 4, Baylor 3, Arizona St. 1, Cal St.-Fullerton 1, Harvard 1, New Mexico 1, Siena 1, Va. Commonwealth 1.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 22, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (28)	3-0	771	1
2. Michigan State (2)	4-0	734	2
3. Texas	2-0	698	3
4. Villanova	5-0	655	6
5. Kentucky	4-0	642	5
6. Purdue	3-0	588	7
7. Duke (1)	4-0	587	8
8. West Virginia	1-0	532	9
9. Syracuse	4-0	481	24
10. Butler	3-0	475	10
11. Tennessee	4-0	464	11
12. North Carolina	4-1	447	4
13. Connecticut	3-0	405	13
14. Washington	4-0	383	14
15. Michigan	2-0	339	16
16. Minnesota	3-0	233	18
17. Louisville	3-0	233	22
18. Ohio State	3-1	219	15
19. Clemson	3-0	205	21
20. Georgetown	3-0	205	20
21. Illinois	3-0	131	25
22. Maryland	3-0	99	—
23. California	2-2	71	12
24. Vanderbilt	2-0	67	—
25. Georgia Tech	3-1	56	19

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 53, Wake Forest 40, Gonzaga 26, Oklahoma State 24, Brigham Young 23, Florida State 20, Dayton 18, Notre Dame 18, UNLV 18, Miami 16, LSU 15, Pittsburgh 12, Tulsa 12, Xavier 12, Memphis 11, Mississippi 10, Kansas State 8, Texas A&M 8, Florida 3, Missouri 3, Saint Mary's 2, New Mexico 1, Siena 1.

Top 25 schedule

Wednesday's games
No. 1 Kansas vs. Oakland, Mich.
No. 5 Kentucky vs. Virginia or Stanford at The Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico.
No. 7 Duke vs. Arizona State at Madison Square Garden.
No. 13 Connecticut vs. LSU at Madison Square Garden.
No. 21 Maryland vs. TBA at the Lahaina (Hawaii) Civic Center.
No. 25 Oklahoma vs. San Diego at Sullivan Arena, Anchorage, Alaska.
Thursday's games
No. 8 West Virginia vs. Long Beach State at the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center Arena.
No. 12 Butler vs. No. 22 Minnesota at the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center Arena.
No. 15 Michigan vs. Creighton at The

Milk House, Orlando, Fla.
No. 19 Clemson vs. Texas A&M at the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center Arena.
No. 25 Oklahoma vs. Houston at Sullivan Arena, Anchorage, Alaska.

Friday's games
No. 1 Kansas vs. Tennessee Tech.
No. 2 Michigan State vs. Florida at Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J.
No. 7 Duke vs. No. 13 Connecticut or LSU at Madison Square Garden.
No. 8 West Virginia vs. No. 19 Clemson or Texas A&M at the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center Arena.
No. 9 Tennessee vs. College of Charleston.
No. 10 Syracuse vs. Columbia.
No. 12 Butler vs. Portland or UCLA at the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center Arena.
No. 15 Michigan vs. Marquette or Xavier at The Milk House, Orlando, Fla.
No. 20 Illinois vs. Utah at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas.
No. 22 Minnesota vs. Portland or UCLA at the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center Arena.
No. 23 Notre Dame vs. Northwestern at UIC Pavilion, Chicago.

Saturday's games
No. 2 Michigan State vs. Rutgers or Massachusetts at Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J.
No. 4 Villanova vs. La Salle.
No. 6 Purdue vs. Central Michigan.
No. 17 Ohio State vs. St. Francis, Pa.
No. 18 Georgetown vs. Lafayette.
No. 20 Illinois vs. Bradley or Oklahoma State at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas.

Monday's men's scores

EAST
Army 56, Harvard 53
Baldwin-Wallace 88, Geneva 76
Charlotte 88, Yale 74
Duke 70, Binghamton 52
Fairfield 72, American U. 56
Hofstra 70, Elon 46
Lehigh 86, Monmouth, N.J. 74
Manhattan 73, Florida Atlantic 66
Millersville 61, Sciences, Pa. 50

SOUTH
Carson-Newman 65, Ala.-Huntsville 64
Charleston Southern 99, Trinity, Fla. 50
Clemson 102, Winthrop 66
E. Kentucky 68, Fairleigh Dickinson 39
James Madison 79, N.C. Central 66
Louisville 80, Appalachian St. 53
Murray St. 84, Fla. International 71
N. Carolina A&T 65, Middle Tenn. 56
North Carolina 93, Gardner-Webb 72
Oakland, Mich. 77, Tennessee Tech 56
S. Carolina St. 75, Southern Wesleyan 69
Samford 68, McNeese St. 52
Shaw 80, Virginia St. 62
St. Augustine's 81, Virginia Union 68
Stillman 77, Alabama A&M 75
Va. Commonwealth 63, Hampton 52
Virginia Tech 71, Campbell 60
W. Carolina 70, Ark.-Monticello 44
W. Kentucky 68, CS Northridge 67
Xavier, No. 69, Concordia-Selma 54

MIDWEST
Central Carolina 77, Indiana St. 62
Illinois St. 69, Ill.-Chicago 65
Loyola of Chicago 60, W. Michigan 58
N. Kentucky 90, Cincin.-Clermont 65
Ohio 71, Lamar 46
S. Indiana 93, Tiffin 73
Saginaw Valley St. 75, Olivet 62
Upper Iowa 74, Wis.-Parkside 54
Wis.-Milwaukee 96, Texas St. 77

SOUTHWEST
SMU 69, Huston-Tillotson 65
TCU 76, Colgate 63
UTSA 66, UC Irvine 56

FAR WEST
Montana 68, Oregon 55
Saint Mary's, Calif. 92, Cal Poly 67
San Diego St. 62, Fresno St. 58
UC Santa Barbara 76, San Francisco 65
UCLA 71, Pepperdine 52

EA Sports Maui Invitational
First Round
Cincinnati 67, Vanderbilt 58
Gonzaga 76, Colorado 72
Marquette 79, Chaminade 51
Wisconsin 65, Arizona 61

O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic
First Round
Pittsburgh 68, Wichita St. 55
Texas 85, Iowa 60

USVI Paradise Jam
Championship
Purdue 73, Tennessee 72
Third Place
DePaul 58, Saint Joseph's 51
Fifth Place
N. Iowa 81, Boston College 69
Seventh Place
East Carolina 82, S. Dakota St. 73

AP Women's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut (40)	3-0	1,000	1
2. Stanford	4-0	957	2
3. Ohio St.	5-0	892	3
4. North Carolina	3-0	871	4
5. Notre Dame	3-0	833	5
6. Tennessee	3-0	820	6
7. LSU	4-0	731	7
8. Baylor	2-1	679	8
9. Xavier	2-0	659	9
10. Duke	2-1	561	11
11. Texas A&M	3-0	554	15
12. Florida St.	4-0	515	13
13. Texas	2-1	473	10
14. Georgia	3-0	441	16
15. DePaul	4-0	390	17
16. Virginia	3-1	390	12
17. Arizona St.	2-1	335	14
18. Kansas	3-0	321	19
19. Mississippi St.	4-0	277	25
20. Oklahoma	2-1	270	20
21. Vanderbilt	3-0	247	22
22. California	2-1	229	17
23. Diego St.	—	0	112
24. Pittsburgh	2-0	106	—
25. Michigan St.	2-2	95	21

Others receiving votes: Georgia Tech 49, Middle Tennessee 44, Dayton 39, Louisville 22, Rutgers 15, Oklahoma St. 13, Maryland 10, Nebraska 10, TCU 7, Hartford 6, Temple 6, Purdue 5, Wake Forest 4, Gonzaga 3, St. John's 3, Syracuse 3, Wis.-Green Bay 2, Duquesne 1.

Women's Top 25 schedule

Wednesday's games
No. 3 UNC Greensboro at Ohio St.
No. 4 North Carolina vs. Presbyterian
No. 6 Tennessee at Middle Tennessee
No. 7 LSU at Tulane
No. 14 Georgia vs. Alabama State

Thursday's games
No. 5 Notre Dame vs. No. 23 San Diego State at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
No. 9 Xavier vs. No. 18 Kansas at Nassau Arena, Nassau, Bahamas
No. 10 Duke vs. Western Kentucky at The Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico
No. 13 Texas vs. No. 19 Mississippi State at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
No. 15 Virginia vs. Indiana at Nassau Arena, Nassau, Bahamas
No. 18 Kansas vs. Xavier at Nassau Arena, Nassau, Bahamas
No. 20 Oklahoma vs. South Carolina at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Friday's games
No. 1 Connecticut vs. Hofstra
No. 5 Notre Dame vs. South Carolina at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
No. 20 Oklahoma vs. No. 23 San Diego State at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
No. 8 Baylor vs. Idaho
No. 9 Xavier vs. No. 15 Virginia or Indiana at Nassau Arena, Nassau, Bahamas
No. 10 Duke vs. Marquette at The Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico
No. 12 Florida State vs. Auburn
No. 13 Texas vs. Southern Cal at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
No. 14 Georgia vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, Miss.
No. 15 Virginia vs. South Dakota State or Charlotte at Nassau Arena, Nassau, Bahamas
No. 17 Arizona State at Hawaii
No. 18 Kansas vs. Minnesota or TCU at Nassau Arena, Nassau, Bahamas
No. 19 Mississippi State vs. Rutgers at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 6 p.m.
No. 21 Vanderbilt vs. Austin Peay
No. 24 Pittsburgh vs. Appalachian St.
No. 25 Michigan State vs. George Washington at Nassau Arena, Nassau, Bahamas

Monday's women's scores

EAST
Albany, N.Y. 70, St. Francis, N.Y. 49
Millersville 69, Science, Pa. 59
Phila. Biblical 85, Davis 52
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 65, Stillman 49
Duke 57, Charlotte 44
Fayetteville St. 73, Bowie St. 70

Florida A&M 64, Albany, Ga. 42
George Mason 57, Jacksonville 49
N.C. State 62, Old Dominion 52
Sam Houston St. 67, Grambling St. 59
South Alabama 74, W. Illinois 44
Southern Miss. 81, William Carey 55
St. Augustine's 65, Virginia Union 54
Wake Forest 62, Coppin St. 40
Xavier, No. 99, Concordia-Selma 43

MIDWEST
Creighton 63, Kansas St. 54
Gustavus 79, Wartburg 63
Loyola of Chicago 85, SIU-Edwards. 66
Wichita St. 56, La Salle 43
Xavier 92, MVSU 52

SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 60, Jackson St. 46
TCU 85, Texas Southern 55
Texas St. 65, SW Assemblies of God 51

FAR WEST
Arizona 65, Mississippi 59
North Dakota 57, New Mexico St. 50

College football

FCS coaches poll

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 22 and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Montana (22)	11-0	689	1
2. Southern Illinois (4)	10-1	670	2
3. Villanova (2)	10-1	655	3
4. Richmond	10-1	615	4
5. Appalachian State	9-2	558	6
6. William & Mary	9-2	531	5
7. South Carolina State	10-1	526	7
8. McNeese State	9-2	489	8
9. Elon	9-2	473	10
10. New Hampshire	9-2	469	9
11. South Dakota State	8-3	405	12
12. Stephen F. Austin	9-2	361	16
13. Jacksonville State	8-3	340	15
14. Eastern Washington	7-3	304	18
15. Northern Iowa	8-4	258	11
16. Prairie View A&M	8-1	239	19
17. Eastern Illinois	8-3	235	13
18. Weber State	7-4	231	20
19. Holy Cross	9-2	206	13
20. Colgate	9-2	167	21
21. Florida A&M	8-3	138	24
22. Liberty	8-3	137	17
23. Pennsylvania	8-2	120	23
24. Lafayette	8-3	56	22
25. Montana State	7-4	47	23
25. Texas State	7-4	47	NR

Others receiving votes: Butler (24), Central Connecticut State (19), Harvard (13), Central Arkansas (10), James Madison (10), UC Davis (9), Dayton (8), Delaware (8), Alabama A&M (8), Southern (6), Illinois State (4), Maine (4), Northern Arizona (4), Chattanooga (3), Drake (3), Grambling State (2), Old Dominion (1).

TSN FCS poll

PHILADELPHIA — The top 25 teams in The Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 22, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern Illinois (36)	10-1	2,259	1
2. Villanova (28)	10-1	2,236	2
3. Montana (29)	11-0	2,088	3
4. Richmond	10-1	2,072	4
5. Appalachian State (1)	9-2	1,940	6
6. William & Mary	9-2	1,741	5
7. South Carolina State	10-1	1,715	7
8. McNeese State	9-2	1,677	8
9. Elon	9-2	1,601	10
10. New Hampshire	9-2	1,488	11
11. South Dakota State	8-3	1,381	12
12. Stephen F. Austin	9-2	1,305	15
13. Eastern Washington	8-3	1,034	18
14. Jacksonville State	8-3	1,031	17
15. Weber State	7-4	949	19
16. Northern Iowa	7-4	939	9
17. Holy Cross	9-2	783	13
18. Prairie View A&M	8-1	753	20
19. Eastern Illinois	8-3	639	14
20. Colgate	9-2	533	22
21. Penn	8-2	505	24
22. Liberty	8-3	463	16
23. Florida A&M	8-3	289	NR
24. Lafayette	8-3	206	21
25. Texas State	7-4	187	NR

Others receiving votes: Montana State 137, James Madison 132, Harvard 112, Delaware 76, Central Connecticut State 75, Illinois State 29, Northern Arizona 27, Butler 23, Southeastern Louisiana 21, UC Davis 18, Furman 14, Dayton 12, Stony Brook 10, Youngstown State 10, Brown 8, Southern 8, Drake 4, Grambling 2, Norfolk State 2, Old Dominion 2, Tennessee Tech 2, Chattanooga 1, Missouri State 1.

High school

South Korea

Boys basketball
Tuesday's summary
Seoul Foreign 56, Korea International 28
At Pangyo
SFS 13 8 14 21—56
KIS 12 0 9 7—28
Scoring—SFS, Gal Tesler 20, T.K. Kas-tritis 15.

Girls basketball
Tuesday's summary
Seoul Foreign 53, Korea International 16
At Pangyo
SFS 18 12 12 11—53
KIS 5 4 2 5—16
Scoring—SFS, Megan Redmond 12, Clair Park 11; KIS, E. Lee 6. **Rebound-**ing—SFS, Bailey Baker 8. **Steals**—SFS, Clair Park 5.

TANK McNAMARA



NFL: TITANS 20, TEXANS 17



DAVE EINSEL/AP

Kicker Rob Bironas (2) and other Titans celebrate his game-winning 53-yard field goal with 47 seconds left.

Titans still alive and kicking

Bironas FG gives Tennessee fourth straight win

BY CHRIS DUNCAN
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rob Bironas kept the Titans' unlikely turnaround going with another winning kick against the Houston Texans.

Bironas booted a 53-yard field goal with 47 seconds left and the Titans won their fourth straight after starting the season with six losses, beating the Texans 20-17 on Monday night.

Houston (5-5) had a chance to tie it, but Kris Brown's 49-yard attempt with 1 second remaining was wide left. It was his second miss of the game and the second straight game he's missed a chance to send the Texans to overtime.

Bironas, meanwhile, beat Houston with a last-minute kick at Reliant Stadium for the second time in three seasons. In 2007, he kicked the game-winner as time expired — and set an NFL record with eight field goals — in a 38-36 Titans' victory.

"I always feel good down here," Bironas said. "I like Houston. I don't think Houston likes me too much."

The city's football fans are more passionate about Vince Young, the Houston native and former Texas star. Some Texans fans still complain that the team didn't take Young with the first pick in the 2006 draft and instead selected defensive end Mario Williams.

Young is now 2-0 in games he's started against the Texans in Houston. He ran for the winning touchdown in overtime as a rookie, and he ran for 73 yards and threw a touchdown pass in Monday's game.

"It was a lot of love and lot of

boos," Young said of the atmosphere. "It's definitely fun to play at home because I've got a lot of family members and a lot of fans who helped pretty much raise me and made me the man I am today."

The Titans (4-6) haven't lost since Young replaced Kerry Collins as the starting quarterback.

"Vince is not new to jumping in and winning," Titans running back LenDale White said. "It's very exciting. I am more happy to be winning these games, more than anything. Vince is doing the job for us."

The Titans started the go-ahead drive at the 6-yard line, but Houston safety John Busing was called for a 15-yard penalty on a horse-collar tackle of Chris Johnson. A 22-yard run by Johnson two plays later put the Titans on their 41 just before the two-minute warning.

Young had a 12-yard run for a first down later in the drive but the Titans couldn't keep it going and went to Bironas for the field goal, his second of at least 50 yards Monday.

The Texans moved the ball 31 yards in five plays before Brown came in for the field-goal attempt. He pulled one from the same distance in the third quarter and hooked one from 42 yards as time expired in a 20-17 loss to Indianapolis before Houston's off week.

"It's all on me, it's totally me," Brown said. "The frustrating part for me is, we have 44 guys out there, busting their tails, and one guy out there not doing his job, which is me. That's the reason we lose the game. That's hard. I've got to figure out what the heck's going on, and I need to figure it

out pretty quick."

Bironas had missed earlier, too, on a 49-yarder with about 10 minutes left.

"I was just hoping for a second chance to come out there and hit one more," Bironas said.

Johnson finished with 151 yards rushing and Young threw his touchdown pass in the first half. Bironas added a 50-yard field goal in the third quarter.

The Titans had Schaub under heavy pressure all night and he was sacked four times. He finished 25-for-39 for 305 yards and threw two first-half touchdowns.

White tied it at 14 with a 1-yard TD run with 50 seconds left in the first half.

The Titans have climbed within two games of second-place Jacksonville in the AFC South. With six games left, Tennessee is starting to believe it can become the first team to ever lose its first six games and make the playoffs.

"We were a good team at the beginning of the season," Bironas said. "The first six games, we started off with losses after 60 minutes, but we are starting to put things together now."

The Texans, meanwhile, must quickly get over this loss with a rematch with the Colts looming on Sunday. Houston came into the season with high hopes, but the chances for the franchise's first postseason berth suddenly seem in jeopardy.

"We've got to keep battling," coach Gary Kubiak said. "We've got to let it go and come right back Wednesday and get ready to play arguably the best team in football right now."

"There's no time to feel sorry for yourself. You've got to come back and go back to work."

American Conference

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	290 164
Miami	5	5	0	.500	242 244
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	213 189
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	155 228
Indianapolis	10	0	0	1.000	269 157
Jacksonville	6	4	0	.600	199 235
Houston	5	5	0	.500	232 208
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	209 272
Cincinnati	7	3	0	.700	215 167
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	231 184
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	237 171
Cleveland	1	9	0	.100	115 263
San Diego	7	3	0	.700	269 205
Denver	6	4	0	.600	170 183
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	169 239
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	108 234

National Conference

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	231 175
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	266 204
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	266 235
Washington	3	7	0	.300	146 178
New Orleans	10	0	0	1.000	369 204
Atlanta	5	5	0	.500	252 228
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	193 239
Tampa Bay	1	9	0	.100	164 294
Minnesota	9	1	0	.900	306 193
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600	262 203
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	206 225
Detroit	2	8	0	.200	181 301
Arizona	7	3	0	.700	250 197
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	208 210
Seattle	3	7	0	.300	196 233
St. Louis	1	9	0	.100	113 270

Thursday's games

Sunday's games
Miami 24, Carolina 17
Detroit 38, Cleveland 31
N.Y. Giants 34, Atlanta 31, OT
Dallas 7, Washington 6
Green Bay 30, San Francisco 24
Indianapolis 17, Baltimore 15
Kansas City 27, Pittsburgh 24, OT
New Orleans 38, Tampa Bay 7
Jacksonville 18, Buffalo 15
Minnesota 35, Seattle 9
Arizona 21, St. Louis 13
New England 31, N.Y. Jets 14
San Diego 32, Denver 3
Oakland 20, Cincinnati 17
Philadelphia 24, Chicago 20

Monday's game

Tennessee 20, Houston 17
Thursday, Nov. 26
Green Bay at Detroit
Oakland at Dallas
N.Y. Giants at Denver

Sunday, Nov. 29

Miami at Buffalo
Carolina at N.Y. Jets
Seattle at St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Atlanta
Indianapolis at Houston
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Washington at Philadelphia
Kansas City at San Diego
Jacksonville at San Francisco
Arizona at Tennessee
Chicago at Minnesota
Pittsburgh at Baltimore

Monday, Nov. 30

New England at New Orleans

Thursday, December 3

N.Y. Jets at Buffalo

Sunday, December 6

Tennessee at Indianapolis
Philadelphia at Atlanta
Denver at Kansas City
Houston at Jacksonville
Oakland at Pittsburgh
Tampa Bay at Carolina
New Orleans at Washington
Detroit at Cincinnati
St. Louis at Chicago
San Diego at Cleveland
Dallas at N.Y. Giants
Minnesota at Arizona
San Francisco at Seattle
New England at Miami

Monday, December 7

Baltimore at Green Bay

Monday

Titans 20, Texans 17

Tennessee 0 14 3 3-20
Houston 7 7 3 0-17

First Quarter

Hou—Slaton 3 pass from Schaub (K.Brown kick), 6:36.

Second Quarter

Ten—Britt 13 pass from Young (Bironas kick), 12:50.

Hou—A.Johnson 12 pass from Schaub (K.Brown kick), 4:01.

Ten—White 1 run (Bironas kick), :50.

Third Quarter

Ten—FG Bironas 50, 2:49.

Hou—FG K.Brown 26, :00.

Fourth Quarter

Ten—FG Bironas 53, :47.

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	Ten	Hou
First downs	22	17
Total Yards	344	340
Rushes-Yards	42-228	17-57
Passing	116	283
Punt Returns	0-0	3-10
Kickoff Returns	4-98	5-100
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	12-22-0	25-39-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	4-22
Punts	4-47.2	5-47.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-25	7-72
Time of Possession	32:19	27:41

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Tennessee, Johnson 29-151, Young 11-73, White 2-4. Houston, C.Brown 11-36, Slaton 5-21, Schaub 1-0.

Passing—Tennessee, Young 12-22-0-116. Houston, Schaub 25-39-0-305.

Receiving—Tennessee, Britt 4-42, Scaife 4-38, Crumpler 2-18, Washington 1-14, Hall 1-4. Houston, Anderson 5-52, Slaton 5-42, A.Johnson 4-78, Walter 4-6, C.Brown 3-17, Casey 2-33, Dreessen 1-23, Leach 1-14.

Missed field goals—Tennessee, Bironas 49 (WL). Houston, K.Brown 49 (WR), 49 (WL).

NFL injury report

NEW YORK — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT - Definitely will not play; DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):

THURSDAY

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT DETROIT LIONS

— **PACKERS**: OUT: CB Al Harris (knee), LB Aaron Kampman (knee). DNP: G Allen Barbre (ankle), T Chad Clifton (knee), B Ahman Green (groin), DE Cullen Jenkins (ankle), C Scott Wells (knee), CB Charles Woodson (hip). LIMITED: RB Ryan Grant (neck), DE Johnny Jolly (back), G Josh Sitten (back). FULL: LB Brandon Chillar (hand), RB John Kuhn (hand). **LIONS**: DNP: WR Calvin Johnson (hand, knee), S Calvin Pearson (hamstring), S Ko Simpson (knee), LB Ernie Sims (hamstring), QB Matthew Stafford (knee, left shoulder), DE Dewayne White (toe). LIMITED: DT Joe Cohen (ankle), S Louis Delmas (ankle), LB Jordan Dizon (neck), LB Zack Follett (neck), DT Grady Jackson (knee), T Daniel Loper (back), RB Kevin Smith (hip), WR Derrick Williams (hip).

OAKLAND RAIDERS AT DALLAS COWBOYS

— **RAIDERS**: DNP: LB Jon Aiston (illness), LB Isaiah Ekejiuba (knee), WR Nick Miller (shin). LIMITED: DE Greg Ellis (knee), DE Richard Seymour (back), WR Javon Walker (hamstring). **COWBOYS**: DNP: T Marc Colombo (ankle), S Ken Hamlin (ankle), CB Mike Jenkins (elbow, head), TE Jason Witten (foot). LIMITED: LB Keith Brooking (ankle), K David Buehler (right toe), QB Tony Romo (back). FULL: RB Marion Barber (thumb), S Gerald Sensabaugh (thumb), LB DeMarcus Ware (foot).

NEW YORK GIANTS AT DENVER BRONCOS

— **GIANTS**: OUT: LB Antonio Pierce (neck). DNP: RB Ahmad Bradshaw (ankle, foot). FULL: QB Eli Manning (foot). **BRONCOS**: DNP: S Brian Dawkins (neck), T Ryan Harris (toe), RB LaMont Jordan (back). FULL: QB Kyle Orton (ankle).



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Tennessee quarterback Vince Young directs his blockers as he runs for a first down Monday against Houston. The Titans beat the Texans 20-17, their fourth straight win since Young became the starter.

NFL briefs

Mangini: Lions faked injuries to slow play

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — There were pump fakes and faked handoffs in Sunday's game between the Browns and Lions.

Eric Mangini believes there may have been some other deception.

On Monday, Cleveland's embattled coach questioned whether Detroit's defensive players faked injuries to slow down the Browns' no-huddle offense, which racked up a season-high 439 yards during a 38-37 loss.

Mangini didn't flatly accuse the Lions of cheating, but noted the high number of players who were helped from the field — only to return.

"I'm just saying there were a lot of them [injuries]," he said.

Mangini's suggestion of foul play was rebuffed by Lions coach Jim Schwartz.

"He's way out of bounds on that," Schwartz said. "That couldn't be further from the truth. Both teams were running no-huddle, and the officials did a very good job of standing over the ball, so there was no need to do that."

It isn't the first time Mangini, who worked with Schwartz when the two began their coaching careers under Bill Belichick in Cleveland, has pointed a critical finger at a friend. When he coached in New York, Mangini accused Belichick and the New England Patriots of videotaping

the Jets' defensive signals during the 2007 season opener.

The episode, now known infamously as "Spygate," damaged Mangini's relationship with his mentor.

Mangini first raised the possibility that the Lions were pretending to be hurt during his postgame news conference.

"There were multiple, multiple, multiple injuries throughout our no-huddle process," Mangini said Sunday.

Lions linebacker Larry Foote was offended by Mangini's veiled charge that Detroit was cheating.

"We've been getting banged up all season," Foote said. "It doesn't matter if teams play the no-huddle or not. I don't know what is going on [with the injuries]. Maybe we need to drink different water. Coach Mangini just needs to stop making comments about our team."

AP Source: Bills considering Shanahan for coach

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A person familiar with the Buffalo Bills coaching search said Tuesday two-time Super Bowl-winner Mike Shanahan is considered a legitimate candidate to take over the job.

The Bills have contacted Shanahan, the person familiar with the search told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team is not commenting during its search process.

Shanahan has been out of foot-

ball after being fired by the Broncos at the end of last season.

Bills defensive coordinator Perry Fewell took over as interim coach when Dick Jauron was fired last week.

Roethlisberger expected to play despite concussion

PITTSBURGH — Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has a concussion but is expected to play at Baltimore as long as he continues to pass the daily tests given to players who have sustained the injury.

Coach Mike Tomlin said on Tuesday that he plans to go into Sunday's game with Roethlisberger and second-year player Dennis Dixon as his only quarterbacks. A third, inexperienced quarterback will be signed, but Tomlin said he won't be ready to play.

Backup quarterback Charlie Batch broke his left wrist during the 27-24 loss in Kansas City on Sunday and will have surgery on Wednesday.

Rams QB Bulger out 3-6 weeks with broken leg

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Rams quarterback Marc Bulger will be sidelined three to six weeks because of a fractured left leg sustained in Sunday's loss to the Arizona Cardinals.

The team said it would not place Bulger on injured reserve.

Bulger underwent two MRIs on Monday, one on his groin and

hamstring and a second for what the team believed was a swollen knee. He also was to be tested for concussion-related symptoms Tuesday after a physically demanding loss to the Arizona Cardinals.

Coach Steve Spagnuolo said the first MRI revealed a strain. Spagnuolo held his news conference Monday before Bulger's second MRI, but had not been optimistic about the quarterback's chance of playing this week.

"Marc Bulger's pretty banged up," the coach said. "Marc's got a few things going on."

Backup Kyle Boller will make his third start of the year Sunday against the Seahawks.

Jets: WR Clowney has Twitter account hacked

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The New York Jets say wide receiver David Clowney's Twitter account has been hacked, and a series of expletive-filled tweets are not being written by him.

The Jets issued a statement Monday night alerting fans that a "rogue tweeter" was sending out vulgar messages under Clowney's account. Clowney, who has more than 6,700 followers, was not available for comment.

Clowney, a frequent poster, has had previous Twitter-related trouble. He was suspended by coach Rex Ryan for one game earlier in the season when he admitted posting that he was unhappy with his playing time in the

team's game against New England in Week 2.

Redskins ravaged by injuries

Washington, already among the league's most injury-ravaged teams, added running back Ladell Betts (torn left knee ligaments), tackle Chad Rinehart (broken leg) and fullback Eddie Williams (broken leg) to their long injured reserve list. Betts is the backup to Clinton Portis, who likely won't return from his concussion for at least one more game. Tight end Chris Cooley will be in a walking boot for another 10 days, and DeAngelo Hall has a sprained knee.

Cromartie a suspect in San Diego bar injury

SAN DIEGO — Police are investigating a claim that San Diego Chargers cornerback Antonio Cromartie hit someone in the head with a champagne bottle at a bar shortly after the team returned from a victory in Denver.

Detective Gary Hassen said officers answered a report of a fight at Bar West in Pacific Beach shortly before 1:30 a.m. Monday.

Cromartie is under investigation for assault with a deadly weapon, Hassen said.

Hassen said a witness claimed Cromartie threw a champagne bottle but the player said it slipped from his hand.

A man sustained a cut to the back of his head but nobody was hospitalized or arrested.

Packers lose key defenders; Lions hurt on offense

The Associated Press

The playoff chase has gotten much more difficult for the Packers after they lost two key defensive players to season-ending injuries.

Cornerback Al Harris and linebacker Aaron Kampman will have knee surgery after suffering major injuries Sunday. Both were hurt on separate plays in the second half of a victory over San Francisco, apparently damaging their left knees. Coach Mike McCarthy would not confirm specific details of either injury.

"They're both professionals," McCarthy said. "I think we have a lot of confidence they'll both respond very well. They're both in great shape, both take great care of their bodies."

The Packers have a short turnaround before visiting Detroit on Thanksgiving Day.

The Lions also have injury concerns, particularly quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Lions coach Jim Schwartz said Monday that the top overall pick in the draft was "extremely sore" after sustaining a separated left shoulder on the next-to-last play of the victory over Cleveland, and he won't play against Green Bay unless the pain subsides.

Stafford said he is "in a good amount of

pain."

Schwartz was also unsure about receiver Calvin Johnson, who hurt his knee on the same play that Stafford was injured.

Neither player practiced on Tuesday. Both watched the workouts that were open to the media.

They don't have much time to get healthy.

Stafford set an NFL rookie passing record with 422 yards against the Browns and became the youngest player to throw five touchdowns in a game. Johnson had a career-best 161 yards receiving and a 75-yard TD.

Stafford and Johnson were both injured on the chaotic play as time expired.

"He's extremely sore today," Schwartz said of the rookie quarterback. "Most of the tests have come back, and there doesn't appear to be any long-term structural damage, but there's a lot of pain. If that continues, he'd be unlikely to play on Thursday, but we're not closing the door on anything yet."

Schwartz said that Daunte Culpepper would start if Stafford couldn't play.

"If we were playing on Sunday, there would be more of a chance for Matt, but we've got to move extremely fast this week," Schwartz said. "Today's like a Thursday for us."



MORRY GASH/AP

Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy, left, watches as trainers look at Packers cornerback Al Harris' knee during the second half Sunday. Harris and linebacker Aaron Kampman suffered season-ending injuries.

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Survey: Union wants league-wide policy

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state of medical knowledge," NFLPA assistant executive director George Atallah told the AP in an e-mail. "It should not vary from team to team.

"Equally important, the NFL should release all aggregate medical data it collects from players every year. ... Our players are not test subjects."

The union wants the league to provide all information from researchers to the players, as well, believing such data could help retired players and youth players.

"We will continue to push the envelope on player safety," Atallah said, "and are happy when the NFL does as well."

What emerged from the AP's interviews was a wide-ranging, unprecedented look at the way active players think about head injuries in a world where "getting dinged" and "seeing stars" — and the potential long-term effects of concussions — are deemed a frightening but perhaps inevitable consequence of their job.

"Part of the game," Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback Deshaea Townsend said.

Indeed it is. In recent weeks, high-profile players Brian Westbrook of the Philadelphia Eagles and Clinton Portis of the Redskins — neither of whom was surveyed by the AP — have been sidelined by concussions. Westbrook missed two games, then returned, only to leave in the second half with another concussion.

The NFL says its data shows an average of one reported concussion every other game — about 120 to 130 concussions per regular season.

Of the 160 players interviewed by the AP, half said they've had at least one concussion playing football; 61 said they missed playing time because of the injury.

"We're obviously concerned by the data and by the information," Atallah said. "We believe that there's more relevant data and information that the league has on these issues that we'd like for them to share with us in confidence."

During the AP interviews, some players quickly replied they never had a concussion, then realized they weren't sure, such as Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive tackle Chris Hovan, a 10-year veteran, who said: "I probably was just too young and too dumb to realize it."

Not that it's necessarily easy to miss — or mask — the symptoms.

"Everyone can clearly see that you have a concussion: You are walking around like you are drunk," Seattle Seahawks defensive back Roy Lewis said.

Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Bobby Wade told the AP he's never tried to hide a concussion but is sure it happens frequently in the NFL. "You see guys with their eyes rolling in the back of their heads," he said. "You see guys shaking their head trying to get it together. If there was a doctor evaluating them, I'm sure they would say, 'Your brain has taken trauma.'"

Players acknowledged staying on the field despite feeling

Concussions prevalent among NFLers

Exactly half of the 160 NFL players surveyed by The Associated Press said they have had a concussion during their football careers.

■ Yes ■ No ■ Other (not sure, no answer, not applicable)

1. Have you ever sustained a concussion that forced you to miss playing time?

61 95*

2. Do you worry about getting a concussion more than other injuries?

30 129

3. Have you ever hidden or downplayed the effects of a concussion?

30 113

* Includes 19 who said they have had a concussion but did not miss playing time

4. Have you followed the recent developments in the news about concussions and dementia among NFL players, including the recent congressional hearing on the topic?

82 78

5. Do you think the game is significantly safer now than in the past, particularly with regard to the risk of concussions?

Safer: 107

Same or less safe: 33

AP

What they're saying

"You get a concussion, they've got to take you out of the game. So if you can hide it and conceal it as much as possible, you pay for it the next day, but you'll be able to ... stay in the game."

— Mike Sellers
Washington fullback

"I've had times where I walked up to the line, where I know the play, but don't know what to do."

— Tony Stewart
Oakland tight end

"If you get a little headache or something, you're not going to say anything. This is football, and everyone gets their heads rattled a little bit."

— Jamie Silva
Indianapolis safety

"I'm sure there have been guys who didn't realize they had a concussion and just kept playing. It's a violent game. The head injuries are the most dangerous to play with. We're trained to play no matter what. If you can run, and you're able to focus and know your responsibilities, you're usually out there playing. You wouldn't have enough players if no one played hurt. Especially if you're, like, on special teams, you're going to do everything you can to stay in the game."

— Mike Brown
Kansas City safety

"If you're worried about concussions, you're in the wrong business."

— Brad Hoover
Carolina fullback

"I've known of players hiding concussions. ... Sometimes players aren't real sure. They hit their head, they get a little cuckoo for a little while. It happens all the time."

— Rudy Niswanger
Kansas City center

"My wife worries about it a little more than I do."

— Kevin Boss
New York Giants tight end

"dazed" or "woozy" or having blurred vision, because, in Miami Dolphins guard Justin Smiley's words, "It's what you're taught."

Some talked about not wanting to let down the team. Others mentioned the importance of avoiding any sign of weakness in a sport where "warrior" and "gladiator" are viewed as compliments of the highest order.

And then there is the fear of losing a roster spot in a league where the absence of guaranteed contracts makes some players willing to sacrifice their well-being somewhere down the road for a paycheck in the here-and-now.

"If you're a 'bubble' guy, you might want to be out there," Tennessee Titans long snapper Ken Amato said, "so they don't have to bring someone else in."

Players spoke frankly about being afraid of getting the sorts of long-term problems seen in boxers; about hoping they will be able to remember their career highlights once they retire; about their wives' constant concern; about whether they'll be able to see their "kids grow up and have kids," as Houston Texans offensive lineman Eric Winston put it.

Others told of memory loss during and after games, of not being able to recall what particular play calls meant, or of "talking gibberish" to teammates on the field.

"The only thing I remember is coming out of the tunnel at the beginning of the game. And then — a big gap," St. Louis Rams linebacker David Vobora said of a concussion he got this season. "But I played the whole game, until the last series, when I started asking guys questions, and they looked at me like I was crazy."

Asked whether they worry more about concussions than any other injury, 30 of the interviewed players said yes.

"It's hard," Baltimore Ravens center Matt Birk said, "to rehab your brain."

Vonnie Holliday, a defensive end for the Denver Broncos, likened the pounding his head takes to "being in a car crash 20, 30 times a game."

"I do often think about the damage I'm doing to my brain and my nervous system," Holliday said. "When does it catch up with you?"

Two-thirds of the players the

AP interviewed said the NFL is significantly safer than it used to be with regard to the risk of concussions, thanks primarily to changes in rules and equipment, particularly helmets and mouthpieces.

But there are caveats.

"Players are bigger, faster, stronger," Baltimore's Birk said, echoing other athletes. "It's simple physics: Force equals mass times acceleration. It is a violent game, and there are inherent risks to the game itself. ... Collisions are becoming more intense."

About half of the surveyed players said they've been paying attention to recent news about NFL head injuries.

That includes a congressional hearing last month, when Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., said the NFL's resistance to accepting a link between multiple head injuries in NFL players and brain disorders such as dementia and Alzheimer's reminded her of tobacco companies denying a link between smoking and disease. At that hearing, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., asked the NFL and its players' union to turn over medical records for an independent review.

As attention to concussions has increased, so have the efforts by the NFL and the players' union to address the issue — including working to update the joint letter and brochure they sent to all locker rooms in 2007 to educate players about head injuries.

Goodell told Congress he expects to announce "shortly" new funding for concussion research and that the NFL is trying to learn about "new practice techniques that will reduce the risk of head trauma outside of the games themselves."

Dr. Joseph Maroon, the Steelers' team doctor and member of an NFL committee on concussions, called the subject a "major priority" for the league. In a telephone interview, he cited an ongoing study in which helmet manufacturers' products are being tested and noted the NFL mandate of 2007 that every player undergo neurological testing in the preseason to establish a base line against which results can be compared in case of a concussion.

Dr. Thom Mayer, the NFLPA's medical director, said there are "good trends" in data he has seen, showing that "it appears that concussions are slightly down from where they have been" and that "it appears players are being held out, when they have a concussion, longer — maybe twice as long." He did not give specific numbers.

In the AP interviews, players with more than a half-dozen seasons in the NFL said the league, its teams and the union do take the issue more seriously now than at the start of their careers.

"They are more careful, the doctors and trainers," Chicago Bears defensive tackle Anthony Adams said. "They're better (at) watching for symptoms of what might be a concussion."

Still, concerns abound.

One player voiced his feelings this way: "It worries me, because I have aspirations after the game to work. I'd like to be able to re-

member everything. I feel like in some ways, my short-term memory isn't as good as it was, already. I don't know if that's from getting older. I don't know. But you only get one brain, obviously."

The words of a grizzled veteran? No. That's 26-year-old Colin Allred, a Titans linebacker midway through his second NFL season.

Other players discussed the difficulties of determining when someone does, indeed, have a concussion and nervousness about accumulating multiple head injuries.

"The unfortunate thing in our business, more times than not, is that either guys don't know it or don't let somebody know it and continually play through those kinds of situations, where it's week after week, it's hit after hit, where they're not coming out of games and they never get healed," said Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner, who's had two concussions in a 12-year NFL career. "And I think that's probably — and I'm just guessing — where the biggest effects are down the road, is guys that may not have a record that they had 10 concussions but probably had that or more so and just played right through it."

Several players said they refuse to allow themselves to contemplate the dangers of their sport because it would become impossible to perform well while devoting any shred of thought to concussions.

"You could easily die in a car," New England Patriots tight end Benjamin Watson said, "but you don't think about it, because you're focused on what you're doing."

There also is some dark humor.

One player joked about eating through a straw at age 45, and Dallas Cowboys linebacker Keith Brooking said: "I tend to use it as an excuse with my wife when I forget something. She tells me to do something, and (I say), 'I've been hit in the head a lot, Baby. Sorry. I forgot.'"

Cowboys backup quarterback Jon Kitna spoke in more serious terms.

"I firmly believe you can be paralyzed on any play, and I believe there's going to come a time when somebody's going to die on the field from a hit on the field. Because the game is getting so fast, the big guys are getting bigger, and the little guys are getting littler, but the collisions are getting greater. That's the scariest thing for me," Kitna said. "What else are you going to do? Shut the game down?"

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NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Pittsburgh	24	16	8	0	32	74	68		
New Jersey	21	14	6	1	29	58	48		
Philadelphia	21	12	8	1	25	73	59		
N.Y. Rangers	23	12	10	1	25	62	65		
N.Y. Islanders	24	9	8	7	25	67	74		
Northeast Division									
Ottawa	21	12	6	3	27	66	62		
Buffalo	20	12	6	2	26	54	50		
Boston	23	11	8	4	26	57	58		
Montreal	23	11	11	1	23	57	66		
Toronto	22	4	11	7	15	57	82		
Southeast Division									
Washington	24	13	5	6	32	85	73		
Tampa Bay	21	9	5	7	25	56	63		
Atlanta	20	10	7	3	23	71	61		
Florida	22	10	9	3	23	62	71		
Carolina	23	5	13	5	15	53	83		

Western Conference

Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Chicago	22	15	5	2	32	70	49		
Nashville	22	13	8	1	27	53	57		
Columbus	22	12	7	3	27	69	79		
Detroit	22	11	7	4	26	68	64		
St. Louis	21	8	9	4	20	50	54		
Northwest Division									
Colorado	24	14	7	3	31	74	71		
Calgary	22	13	6	3	29	62	71		
Vancouver	23	12	11	0	24	67	60		
Edmonton	24	10	11	3	23	72	75		
Minnesota	22	8	12	2	18	54	68		
Pacific Division									
San Jose	25	16	5	4	36	85	62		
Los Angeles	24	13	9	2	28	73	75		
Dallas	23	11	6	6	28	70	65		
Phoenix	24	13	10	1	27	59	59		
Anaheim	22	8	11	3	19	63	75		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's games

Nashville 3, Detroit 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Toronto 3, OT
Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 7, Columbus 4
Ottawa 4, Washington 3, OT
Boston 4, St. Louis 2
Dallas 2, Carolina 0
Edmonton 4, Phoenix 0
Colorado 5, Philadelphia 4
Anaheim 3, Calgary 2, SO

Tuesday's games

Columbus at Montreal
Wednesday's games
Toronto at Tampa Bay
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders
Ottawa at New Jersey
Buffalo at Washington
N.Y. Rangers at Florida
Montreal at Pittsburgh
Atlanta at Detroit
St. Louis at Dallas
Boston at Minnesota
Nashville at Colorado
Los Angeles at Edmonton
Phoenix at Calgary
Carolina at Anaheim
Chicago at San Jose

Thursday's games

Columbus at Ottawa
Los Angeles at Vancouver

Monday

Predators 3, Red Wings 1

Detroit 0 1 0-1
Nashville 1 1 1-3
First Period—1, Nashville, Arnott 7 (Sullivan, Weber), 10:24 (pp).
Second Period—2, Nashville, Erat 3 (Ward, Legwand), 1:41 (pp). 3, Detroit, Miller (Cleary, Ericsson), 6:38.
Third Period—4, Nashville, Erat 4 (Tootoot, Hamhuis), 17:40.
Shots on Goal—Detroit 9-6-16—31. Nashville 11-10-4-25.
Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0 of 2; Nashville 2 of 4.
Goals—Detroit, Osgood 6-4-3 (25 shots-22 saves). Nashville, Rinne 10-4-0 (31-30).
A—14,410 (17,113). **T**—2:21.

Islanders 4, Maple Leafs 3 (OT)

N.Y. Islanders 0 3 0 1-4
Toronto 0 1 2 0-3
Second Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Tambellini 7 (Streit, Gervais), 11:04. 2, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 11 (Hillen, Hunter), 12:23. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Bergenheim 3, 14:17 (sh). 4, Toronto, Kessel 6 (Stajan, Kaberle), 15:32.
Third Period—5, Toronto, Primeau 2 (White, Stempniak), 2:10. 6, Toronto, Hagman 9 (Stajan, Kaberle), 9:18.
Overtime—7, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 6 (Bergenheim, Gervais), 4:17.
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 9-7-4-1-21. Toronto 20-15-23-3-61.
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 0 of 2; Toronto 0 of 6.
Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Roloson 7-2-5 (61 shots-58 saves). Toronto, Toskala (15-12), Gustavsson 3-4-5 (15:44 second, 6-5).
A—19,263 (18,819). **T**—2:37.

Penguins 3, Panthers 2 (OT)

Pittsburgh 0 0 2 1-3
Florida 1 1 0 0-2
First Period—1, Florida, Horton 7 (Weiss, Frolik), 17:33.
Second Period—1, Florida, Ballard 1 (Frolik, Horton), 10:21.
Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 6 (Orpik, Engelland), 4:49. 4, Pittsburgh, Rupp 5 (Malkin, Skoula), 17:28.
Overtime—5, Pittsburgh, Crosby 11 (Malkin, Guerin), 3:07 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 11-12-16-6-45. Florida 11-7-3-0-21.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 5; Florida 0 of 4.
Goals—Pittsburgh, Fleury 13-7-0 (21 shots-19 saves). Florida, Vokoun 7-8-3 (45-42).
A—17,024 (19,250). **T**—2:29.



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New York Islanders forward Josh Bailey celebrates his game-winning goal in overtime against Toronto during Monday's game in Toronto.

Rangers 7, Blue Jackets 4

Columbus 2 1 1-4
N.Y. Rangers 3 4 0-7
First Period—1, Columbus, MacKenzie 1 (Torres, Boll), 5:38. 2, Columbus, Boll 2 (Torres, Klesla), 9:31. 3, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 17 (Proska, Higgins), 11:29. 4, N.Y. Rangers, Anisimov 5 (Gaborik, Redden), 13:37. 5, N.Y. Rangers, Del Zotto 5, 17:19.
Second Period—6, N.Y. Rangers, Avery 3 (Parenteau), 6:12 (pp). 7, N.Y. Rangers, Avery 4 (Gaborik, Anisimov), 7:03. 8, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 18 (Higgins), 7:23. 9, N.Y. Rangers, Gilroy 3 (Parenteau, Anisimov), 12:47. 10, Columbus, Huselius 9 (Vermette, Commodore), 18:48.
Third Period—11, Columbus, Voracek 6 (Brassard, Umberger), 8:13.
Shots on Goal—Columbus 11-4-15—30. N.Y. Rangers 10-15-8—33.
Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 1; N.Y. Rangers 1 of 4.
Goals—Columbus, Mason (18 shots-14 saves), Garon 4-2-0 (6:12 second, 15-12). N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 10-8-1 (30-26).
A—18,200 (18,200). **T**—2:30.

Senators 4, Capitals 3 (OT)

Washington 2 1 0 0-3
Ottawa 1 0 2 1-4
First Period—1, Ottawa, Regis 3 (Winchester, Shannon), 7:27. 2, Washington, Clark 2 (Pothier, Ovechkin), 11:19. 3, Washington, Morrison 8 (Green, Fehr), 19:30.
Second Period—4, Washington, Beagle 1, 11:44.
Third Period—5, Ottawa, Neil 4 (Kuba), 3:18. 6, Ottawa, Picard 2 (Kuba, Michalek), 7:40 (pp).
Overtime—7, Ottawa, Fisher 10 (Phillips, Kuba), 1:14.
Shots on Goal—Washington 15-10-3-0-28. Ottawa 8-7-18-4-37.
Power-play opportunities—Washington 0 of 3; Ottawa 1 of 3.
Goals—Washington, Varlamov 8-1-2 (37 shots-33 saves). Ottawa, Elliott 4-1-2 (28-25).
A—16,210 (19,153). **T**—2:24.

Bruins 4, Blues 2

Boston 1 2 1-4
St. Louis 1 1 0-2
First Period—1, Boston, Recchi 4 (Bergeron, Krejci), 11:00 (pp). 2, St. Louis, Tkachuk 5 (Colaiacovo, Johnson), 12:31.
Second Period—3, Boston, Wheeler 6 (Bergeron, Wideman), 3:02 (pp). 4, St. Louis, Colaiacovo 2 (Boyes, Steen), 7:37. 5, Boston, Lucic 2 (Chara, Bergeron), 12:10.
Third Period—6, Boston, Sturm 6 (Bergeron), 11:14 (sh).
Shots on Goal—Boston 6-9-8—23. St. Louis 16-3-12—31.
Power-play opportunities—Boston 2 of 3; St. Louis 0 of 3.
Goals—Boston, Rask 6-2-1 (31 shots-29 saves). St. Louis, Mason 6-7-3 (23-19).
A—19,150 (19,150). **T**—2:22.

Stars 2, Hurricanes 0

Carolina 0 0 0-0
Dallas 1 0 1-0
First Period—1, Dallas, Benn 4 (Morrow, Richards), 9:30 (pp).
Third Period—2, Dallas, Richards 7 (Ribeiro, Niskanen), 2:07 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Carolina 8-5-9—22. Dallas 11-9-10—29.
Power-play opportunities—Carolina 0 of 4; Dallas 2 of 8.
Goals—Carolina, Legace 2-2-2 (29 shots-27 saves). Dallas, Turco 8-4-4 (22-22).
A—16,243 (18,532). **T**—2:27.

Oilers 4, Coyotes 0

Phoenix 0 0 0-0
Edmonton 3 1 0-4
First Period—1, Edmonton, Moreau 4 (Potulny, Visnovsky), 7:59. 2, Edmonton, Souray 2 (Horcoff, Brule), 11:07. 3, Edmonton, Hemsky 7 (Penner), 11:14.
Second Period—4, Edmonton, Horcoff 5 (Souray, Visnovsky), 19:59 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Phoenix 13-8-15—36. Edmonton 11-8-6—25.
Power-play opportunities—Phoenix 0 of 3; Edmonton 1 of 6.
Goals—Phoenix, Bryzgalov 12-7-1 (25 shots-21 saves). Edmonton, Deslauriers 3-2-1 (36-36).
A—16,839 (16,839). **T**—2:23.

Avalanche 5, Flyers 4

Philadelphia 1 1 2-4
Colorado 2 3 0-5
First Period—1, Colorado, Jones 9 (Wolski, Stastny), 1:01. 2, Colorado, Stastny 5 (Cumiskey), 5:32. 3, Philadelphia, Briere 9 (Coburn, Richards), 19:26.
Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Carter 8 (Briere, Hartnell), :29. 5, Colorado, McLeod 5 (O'Reilly, Stewart), 6:03. 6, Colorado, Hannan 2 (Stastny), 9:06. 7, Colorado, Jones 10 (O'Reilly, Liles), 15:16.
Third Period—8, Philadelphia, Briere 10 (Hartnell, Carillo), 11:17. 9, Philadelphia, Carter 9 (Bartulis, Briere), 15:21 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 7-8-19—34. Colorado 11-16-4—31.
Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 2; Colorado 0 of 6.
Goals—Philadelphia, Emery (17 shots-13 saves), Boucher 1-2-0 (9:06 second, 14-13). Colorado, Anderson 13-6-3 (34-30).
A—13,281 (18,007). **T**—2:22.

Ducks 3, Flames 2 (SO)

Calgary 1 0 0 0-2
Anaheim 2 0 0 0-3
Anaheim won shootout 1-0
First Period—1, Calgary, Glencross 5 (Jokinen, Sarich), 13:44. 2, Anaheim, Ryan 10 (Perry), 15:47. 3, Anaheim, Getzlaf 4 (Whitney, Wisniewski), 16:55.
Second Period—4, Calgary, Iginla 16 (Jokinen), 19:42.
Shootout—Calgary 0 (Dawes NG, Jokinen NG, Glencross NG), Anaheim 1 (Perry NG, Getzlaf NG, Selanne G).
Shots on Goal—Calgary 15-8-18—43. Anaheim 6-15-7-3—31.
Power-play opportunities—Calgary 0 of 4; Anaheim 0 of 3.
Goals—Calgary, Kiprusoff 12-5-3 (31 shots-29 saves). Anaheim, Giguere 1-3-2 (43-41).
A—15,348 (17,174). **T**—2:39.

NHL roundup

Crosby's OT goal propels Penguins

The Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins stole another one from Florida.

Crosby scored on a power play at 3:07 of overtime and the Penguins rallied from a two-goal deficit in the third period to beat the Panthers 3-2 Monday night.

It was the second time in two meetings this season that the Penguins trailed 2-0 after two periods and won the game. They won 3-2 in a shootout Oct. 23 in Pittsburgh.

Pascal Dupuis and Michael Rupp also scored for the Penguins, and Malkin had two assists.

Horton and Keith Ballard scored for the Panthers. Michael Frolik had two assists, and Vokoun made 42 saves.

Predators 3, Red Wings 1: At Nashville, Tenn., Martin Erat scored two goals and Nashville beat Detroit for its sixth straight victory.

Jason Arnott also scored a power-play goal for Nashville. Pekka Rinne, who has been in net for each game during this run, stopped 30 shots for the victory.

Drew Miller scored for Detroit.

Islanders 4, Maple Leafs 3 (OT): At Toronto, Dwayne Roloson made 58 saves — the most by an NHL goalie in 18 years — and Josh Bailey scored at 4:18 of overtime to lift New York over Toronto.

Jeff Tambellini, Matt Moulson and Bergenheim also scored for New York.

Phil Kessel, Wayne Primeau and Niklas Hagman scored for the Maple Leafs.

Senators 4, Capitals 3 (OT): At Ottawa, Mike Fisher scored 1:14 into overtime, giving Ottawa a comeback victory over Washington.

Alexandre Picard and Chris Neil scored in a span of 4:20 early in the third to tie it for Ottawa. Peter Regin gave the Senators a 1-0 lead.

Rookie Jay Beagle got his first NHL goal to put Washington up 3-1 in the second after Chris Clark and Brendan Morrison scored in the first.

Rangers 7, Blue Jackets 4: At New York, Marian Gaborik again sparked the Rangers' offense with two goals and two assists, but this time he had lots of long-awaited

help in New York's victory over Columbus.

Sean Avery also scored twice and Henrik Lundqvist made 26 saves for the Rangers.

Rookie defenseman Michael Del Zotto and Matt Gilroy also scored for the Rangers. Artem Anisimov had a goal and two assists.

Bruins 4, Blues 2: At St. Louis, Patrice Bergeron had four assists, two on power-play goals and another short-handed, to help Boston beat St. Louis for its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Milan Lucic got the go-ahead goal midway through the second period and Marco Sturm scored short-handed midway through the third.

Blake Wheeler and Mark Recchi also scored for Boston.

Defenseman Carlo Colaiacovo had a goal and an assist, and Keith Tkachuk scored on a deflection for the Blues.

Stars 2, Hurricanes 0: At Dallas, Marty Turco stopped 22 shots for his 38th career shutout, rookie Jamie Benn scored a power-play goal in the first period and Dallas beat Carolina.

Brad Richards also scored a power-play goal for Dallas.

Avalanche 5, Flyers 4: At Denver, David Jones scored twice, Paul Stastny had a goal and two assists and Colorado stopped a two-game skid with a victory over Philadelphia.

Daniel Briere had two goals and two assists and Jeff Carter had two goals for the Flyers.

Cody McLeod and Scott Hannan also scored for Colorado.

Oilers 4, Coyotes 0: At Edmonton, Alberta, Jeff Deslauriers made 36 saves for his first NHL shutout, and Sheldon Souray and Ales Hemsky scored a team-record 7 seconds apart to lead Edmonton over Phoenix.

Ethan Moreau and Shawn Horcoff also scored for the Oilers, who have won two of three on a season-high five-game homestand.

Ducks 3, Flames 2 (SO): At Anaheim, Calif., Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 41 saves in his first victory of the season despite allowing Jarome Iginla's tying goal with 18 seconds left in regulation, and Teemu Selanne scored the only shootout goal in Anaheim's victory over Calgary.

Ryan Getzlaf and Bobby Ryan scored goals for Anaheim.

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NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	10	4	.714	—
Toronto	6	8	.429	4
Philadelphia	5	9	.385	4½
New York	3	10	.231	6½
New Jersey	0	13	.000	9½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	11	3	.786	—
Orlando	8	6	.571	2½
Miami	7	5	.615	3
Charlotte	4	9	.308	6½
Washington	3	9	.250	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	10	4	.714	—
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	1
Chicago	7	7	.500	3½
Indiana	5	6	.455	3½
Detroit	5	9	.357	5

Western Conference

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	10	3	.769	—
Houston	8	6	.571	2½
San Antonio	6	6	.500	3
New Orleans	6	9	.400	5
Memphis	5	9	.357	5½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	9	4	.692	—
Portland	11	5	.688	—
Utah	7	6	.538	2
Oklahoma City	7	7	.500	2½
Minnesota	1	13	.071	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	11	3	.786	—
L.A. Lakers	10	3	.769	½
L.A. Clippers	8	9	.400	5½
Sacramento	5	8	.385	5½
Golden State	4	8	.333	6

Monday's games

Memphis 116, Sacramento 105
San Antonio 112, Milwaukee 98
Portland 122, Chicago 98
L.A. Clippers 91, Minnesota 87

Tuesday's games

Indiana at Toronto
Philadelphia at Washington
Golden State at Dallas
New Jersey at Denver
Oklahoma City at Utah
New York at L.A. Lakers

Wednesday's games

L.A. Clippers at Indiana
Toronto at Charlotte
Miami at Orlando
Philadelphia at Boston
Milwaukee at New Orleans
Denver at Minnesota
Cleveland at Detroit
Golden State at San Antonio
Dallas at Houston
Memphis at Phoenix
New Jersey at Portland
New York at Sacramento

Monday

Clippers 91, Timberwolves 87

MINNESOTA — Gomes 6-17 0-0 15, Jefferson 6-13 1-2 13, Hollins 2-3 2-2 6, Flynn 6-12 3-3 17, Brewer 5-12 2-2 13, Pecharov 4-9 1-1 10, Wilkins 0-0 0-0 0, Jawai 1-2 0-0 2, Sessions 2-4 6-9, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0, Pavlovic 1-4 0-2 2. Totals 33-76 14-18 87.

L.A. CLIPPERS — Thornton 11-16 9-9 31, Camby 6-9 0-0 12, Kaman 6-20 3-4 15, B.Davis 1-10 0-0 2, Butler 1-4 3-4 5, Telfair 6-12 3-3 17, R.Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 3-5 1-2 7, Collins 1-5 0-0 2, Novak 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-83 19-22 91.

Minnesota 29 22 22 14-87
L.A. Clippers 28 20 24 19-91

Three-point Goals—Minnesota 7-16 (Gomes 3-5, Flynn 2-2, Pecharov 1-3, Brewer 1-5, Sessions 0-1), L.A. Clippers 2-14 (Telfair 2-5, R.Davis 0-1, Collins 0-1, Kaman 0-1, Novak 0-1, Butler 0-2, B.Davis 0-3). Rebounds—Minnesota 50 (Jefferson 13), L.A. Clippers 48 (Camby 18). Assists—Minnesota 18 (Flynn 5), L.A. Clippers 20 (B.Davis 6). Total Fouls—Minnesota 22, L.A. Clippers 16. Technicals—L.A. Clippers defensive three second 2. A—13,815.

Spurs 112, Bucks 98

MILWAUKEE — Delfino 4-7 0-0 11, Ilyasova 8-13 3-3 20, Gadzuric 3-5 0-0 6, Jennings 6-21 0-0 12, Bell 4-9 0-0 9, Ridnour 2-5 0-0 4, Thomas 3-6 0-0 6, Meeks 3-4 0-0 7, Warlick 5-7 5-5 15, Redd 1-3 1-6 4, Ukic 1-1 0-0 2, Elson 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 41-83 9-14 98.

SAN ANTONIO — Jefferson 2-7 6-8 11, Duncan 9-17 6-7 24, McDyeys 1-4 0-0 2, Parker 3-7 0-0 6, Bogans 4-8 1-1 10, Hill 5-10 2-2 14, Bonner 7-10 3-3 23, Mason 5-8 1-1 11, Finley 1-3 2-2 4, Blair 2-3 1-2 5, Hairston 0-0 0-0 0, Ratliff 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 40-78 22-26 112.

Milwaukee 18 32 24 24-98
San Antonio 23 26 37 26-112

Three-Point Goals—Milwaukee 7-16 (Delfino 3-4, Bell 1-2, Meeks 1-2, Redd 1-2, Ilyasova 1-3, Ridnour 0-1, Jennings 0-2), San Antonio 10-21 (Bonner 6-8, Hill 2-3, Jefferson 1-3, Bogans 1-4, Finley 0-1, Mason 0-2). Rebounds—Milwaukee 33 (Thomas 5), San Antonio 56 (Duncan 12). Assists—Milwaukee 24, San Antonio 24. Total Fouls—Milwaukee 21, San Antonio 14. Technicals—Milwaukee defensive three second. A—17,677 (18,797).



DON RYAN/AP

Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden, left, scores as Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose, right, and Luol Deng watch during the second half in Portland, Ore., Monday. Oden scored 24 points, pulled in 12 rebounds and blocked two shots as the Blazers won 122-98.

Grizzlies 116, Kings 105

SACRAMENTO — Nocioni 4-7 1-3 10, Thompson 3-10 2-2 8, Hawes 2-5 0-0 4, Udrih 3-8 0-0 6, Evans 10-17 7-28, Casspi 6-11 2-2 15, May 0-2 0-0 0, Greene 4-11 1-2 11, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Udoka 0-0 0-0 0, Rodriguez 6-8 3-5 16, Brockman 3-3 1-2 7. Totals 41-83 17-23 105.

MEMPHIS — Gay 10-17 3-5 24, Randolph 6-11 4-7 16, Gasol 8-10 2-3 18, Conley 3-8 5-6 11, Mayo 4-8 10-10 20, Tinsley 3-7 1-1 7, Thabeet 1-2 2-6 4, Young 2-6 4-4 8, Carroll 4-7 0-0 8, Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-76 31-42 116.

Sacramento 18 32 19 36-105
Memphis 25 35 26 30-116

Three-Point Goals—Sacramento 6-16 (Greene 2-7, Evans 1-1, Rodriguez 1-1, Casspi 1-2, Nocioni 1-3, Udrih 0-1, Hawes 0-1), Memphis 3-9 (Mayo 2-3, Gay 1-3, Young 0-1, Conley 0-2). Fouled Out—Greene. Rebounds—Sacramento 46 (Thompson 10), Memphis 48 (Gay 8). Assists—Sacramento 19 (Rodriguez 7), Memphis 21 (Conley 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 29, Memphis 24. Technicals—Casspi 2, Sacramento defensive three second, Gay. Ejected—Casspi. A—10,109 (18,119).

Trail Blazers 122, Bulls 98

CHICAGO — Deng 9-14 5-5 25, Gibson 3-11 0-2 6, Noah 3-6 1-2 7, Rose 7-14 0-0 14, Salmons 8-15 5-6 22, B.Miller 0-2 2-2 2, Hinrich 3-6 0-0 7, Pargo 4-9 5-5 15, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Hunter 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-80 18-22 98.

PORTLAND — Webster 3-10 0-1 6, Aldridge 10-16 3-3 24, Oden 7-8 10-12 24, Blake 1-3 0-1 3, Roy 6-13 5-7 18, Przybylla 3-3 2-2 8, Fernandez 5-7 0-1 13, A.Miller 3-6 10-11 16, Bayless 2-4 0-0 4, Cunningham 2-3 0-0 4, Howard 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 42-73 32-40 122.

Chicago 28 23 29 18-98
Portland 31 35 24 32-122

Three-Point Goals—Chicago 6-13 (Deng 2-2, Pargo 2-3, Hinrich 1-2, Salmons 1-4, Hunter 0-1, Johnson 0-1), Portland 6-15 (Fernandez 3-5, Aldridge 1-1, Blake 1-3, Roy 1-3, A.Miller 0-1, Webster 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 32 (Noah 8), Portland 54 (Aldridge 13). Assists—Chicago 23 (Rose 5), Portland 24 (Roy 7). Total Fouls—Chicago 28, Portland 18. Technicals—Noah, Chicago defensive three second 2. A—20,383 (19,980).

Calendar

Jan. 5 — 10-day contracts may be signed.

Jan. 10 — Contracts guaranteed for remainder of season.

Feb. 12-15 — All-Star weekend, Dallas.

Feb. 18 — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.

April 14 — Regular season ends.

April 17 — Playoffs begin.

April 25 — Early entry deadline.

May 18 — Draft lottery.

June 3 — NBA Finals begin.

NBA roundup

Oden scores career-high 24

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Greg Oden is starting to become a force on the offensive end.

Oden tied a career high with 24 points and LaMarcus Aldridge also had 24 to help the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Chicago Bulls 122-98 on Monday night.

"I'm not saying my game is where it should be, but when I can get good deep post position and overpower people and get good shots up, I definitely want to use my strength," said Oden, who was the first pick of the 2007 NBA Draft.

He missed just one of his eight shots from the field and added 12 rebounds. Portland coach Nate McMillan liked that Oden simply didn't settle for his favorite offensive move, the jump hook.

"He's doing a good job of establishing deep position by being patient," McMillan said.

The Blazers had five players score in double figures. Brandon Roy had 18 points, seven re-

bounds and seven assists, while Andre Miller scored 16 and Rudy Fernandez 13.

Luol Deng scored 25 points and John Salmons added 22 for the Bulls.

Portland's 122 points was a season high and the Trail Blazers outrebounded the Bulls 47-27. They held the league's leading rebounder Joakim Noah to just eight boards.

"I definitely was trying to keep Noah off the glass. By doing that, I ended up getting some good put-backs myself," Oden said.

Spurs 112, Bucks 98: Tim Duncan had 24 points and 12 rebounds as host San Antonio halted Milwaukee's three-game winning streak.

Matt Bonner had 23 points off the bench and the Spurs won consecutive games for only the second time this season. They also finally took advantage of a big night from Duncan, having previously been 0-4 when the All-Star scored 20 or more.

Grizzlies 116, Kings 105:

Rudy Gay scored 24 points and O.J. Mayo added 20 as host Memphis sent Sacramento to its fourth straight loss.

Marc Gasol finished with 18 points and four blocks for Memphis, which won for the fourth time in the last five games. Zach Randolph had 16 and Mike Conley added 11 points and seven assists.

Clippers 91, Timberwolves 87: At Los Angeles, Al Thornton scored 31 points and Baron Davis made a clinching layup with 8.5 seconds remaining after missing his first nine shots to help extend Minnesota's losing streak to 13.

Davis' streak of 468 consecutive regular-season games with at least one field goal was in jeopardy until he drove the lane for a layup after dribbling the ball for at least 10 seconds. He finished with two points and six assists in 23 minutes.

The last time the 11-year veteran point guard failed to make a field goal was Feb. 25, 2002.

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Top Scores for Week 10

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242	bigcolt1210	A Co 2-151 Inf
242	jxex	14th CSH
240	Pay	Ramstein
238	Silver-n-Black Attack	USACE GRD
236	spudman	
236	Aloha Bears	Tripler
236	RIPTIDE50	CAMP PARKER
234	jonesey	Cp Henry
234	Raidersforever	SHAPE

Top 11 Overall Scores

1946	yahtzee	Spangdahlem AB
1944	BOBAMFRED	Campbell Bks.
1934	RichieRich	USANATO
1932	Willylump	HQ USAREUR G6
1924	retiredhoosier	DES
1920	Fairweather Johnson	RAF Lakenheath
1918	davez	181st SIG CO
1914	PETE	GRAFENWOEHR
1910	McRibb	MNF-I
1902	Hawks Dominate	NAS Whidbey Island

Sports briefs

It's unanimous: Cards' Pujols wins NL MVP

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Albert Pujols was unanimously voted National League MVP on Tuesday, becoming the first player to repeat since Barry Bonds won four in a row from 2001-04.

Pujols received all 32 first-place votes and 448 points in balloting announced by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

It was the third MVP award for the St. Louis Cardinals star, who also won in 2005. He became the first unanimous MVP since Bonds in 2002.

Pujols led the majors in home runs (47), runs (124), slugging percentage (.658) and intentional walks (44), and topped the NL in on-base percentage (.443). He was second in the league in doubles (45) and third in batting average (.327) and RBIs (135).

He was especially dangerous with the bases loaded, going 10 for 17 with five grand slams, three doubles and 35 RBIs.

Florida's Hanley Ramirez, the NL batting champion, was second with 233 points, followed by Philadelphia's Ryan Howard (217) and Milwaukee's Prince Fielder (203), who tied Howard for the big league lead in RBIs.

Pujols, who turns 30 in January, joined Hall of Famer Al Simmons (11) as the only players with 100 or more RBIs in each of their first nine seasons.

Pujols became just the fourth player to win the NL MVP three times. Bonds won seven in the 1990s and 2000s. Stan Musial (1940s), Roy Campanella (1950s) and Mike Schmidt (1980s) each



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols was the unanimous winner of the National League's MVP award, his second straight and third overall.

won three.

Five players have won three AL MVPs: Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle and Alex Rodriguez.

In addition to Pujols and Bonds, the only unanimous NL winners were Orlando Cepeda (1967), Schmidt (1980), Jeff Bagwell (1994) and Ken Caminiti (1996). Unanimous AL winners have been Hank Greenberg (1935), Al Rosen (1953), Mantle (1956), Frank Robinson (1966), Denny McLain (1968), Reggie Jackson (1973), Jose Canseco (1988), Frank Thomas (1993) and Ken Griffey Jr. (1997).

Pujols receives a \$200,000

bonus for winning the award. He is signed for next season at \$16 million, and the Cardinals hold a \$16 million option for 2011.

Report: Fan punches Notre Dame QB Clausen

Notre Dame starting quarterback and team captain Jimmy Clausen was involved in an altercation outside a South Bend, Ind., bar in the hours after a double-overtime loss to Connecticut on Saturday, taking a punch to the face in the incident, sources told the Chicago Tribune.

Clausen suffered at least one black eye as a result of the punch, according to a source.

A spokesman for Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said he could not reach Weis for comment Monday night.

A South Bend police spokesman said Monday no police reports were filed over the weekend that involved Clausen.

The particulars of the confrontation are unclear, though a person answering the phone at CJ's Pub, the bar in question, said the incident "absolutely did not take place inside the bar."

The CJ's employee, who identified himself as a bartender, said Clausen and family members were at the bar after the Connecticut loss — along with other Irish upperclassmen apparently gathering after their final home game at Notre Dame Stadium.

Sacred Heart LAX players charged in sexual assault

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Three lacrosse players at a Connecticut

college have been charged with conspiring to sexually assault a female student.

Eighteen-year-old Nicholas Travers of Smithtown, N.Y., 18-year-old Zachari Triner of Mansfield, Mass., and 19-year-old Timothy Sanders of Ashburn, Va., play lacrosse for Sacred Heart University. They were charged Sunday.

Sanders' lawyer says the allegations are "grossly exaggerated." Attorneys for Travers and Triner say they cannot comment on the case or the arrests.

Wayne Keeney, who represents 19-year-old Timothy Sanders of Ashburn, Va., says Sanders and the 18-year-old female student were having consensual sex when two teammates sneaked into the dorm room as a prank.

But he says the other two students — Travers and Triner had no sexual contact with her. She has said Sanders held her down while the other two raped her.

Sacred Heart officials declined to comment, but Keeney confirmed all three have been suspended from school and the lacrosse team.

Ochoa wins fourth straight LPGA player of year

RICHMOND, Texas — Lorena Ochoa and Jiyai Shin fought to the last hole for the LPGA's top player award.

By the slimmest of margins, Ochoa won — and for the fourth straight year, too.

She finished two strokes behind tournament winner Anna Nordqvist at the LPGA Tour

Championship on Monday. The 22-year-old's final-round 65 was good enough to beat Ochoa in the weather-shortened event at 13 under par on Monday.

Shin needed to finish seventh or better to win the player of the year award, but missed a birdie putt on the 18th hole that tied her for eighth and gave Ochoa a 160-159 victory.

McGrady practices for first time since February

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady returned to practice with the Houston Rockets for the first time since microfracture surgery in February on Monday, but the seven-time All-Star still doesn't know when he'll play.

McGrady said he can play now, but Rockets coach Rick Adelman has said he's not ready.

"I'm ready to play basketball," he said. "Everybody is making a big deal because I say I'm ready and GM and my coach say I'm not ready. Everybody wants to make a big deal that I'm this diva ... It's crazy."

In other basketball news:

■ Golden State Warriors coach Don Nelson, 69, has pneumonia and isn't traveling with the team for two games in Texas.

■ New York's top court ruled Tuesday that the state can use eminent domain to force homeowners and businesses to sell their properties for a massive development in Brooklyn that includes a new arena for the New Jersey Nets.

Top 25 men's basketball roundup

Moore gives No. 6 Purdue edge over No. 9 Tennessee

The Associated Press

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands — Purdue coach Matt Painter said he thought the team with the ball last would win the game.

Technically, he was right: Kelsey Barlow of the sixth-ranked Boilermakers chased down Wayne Chism's miss from the top of the key with 2 seconds left to secure a 73-72 victory over No. 9 Tennessee on Monday night in the title game of the Paradise Jam.

"That was a great college basketball game right there," Painter said moments after the Boilermakers (4-0) stormed the court to celebrate before the capacity crowd at the University of Virgin Islands Sports and Fitness Center. "We were very fortunate to pull that out."

Barlow missed two free throws with 17.6 seconds remaining to give the Volunteers (4-1) an opportunity to set up the possible game-winning shot.

Tennessee point guard Bobby Maze, who had 13 points, looked to penetrate. Painter had anticipated as much, and Purdue

turned Maze away, forcing a kick-out pass to Chism at the top of the key, beyond the three-point arc.

"That's a shot we'll take every time," Maze said.

The 6-foot-9 Chism scored 24 points, hitting 8 of 13 shots from the field and going 7-for-7 from the free-throw line.

The Boilermakers led 42-41 after a tightly contested first half and appeared to take charge just past the midway point of the second half.

E'Twaun Moore, who scored 22 points and was named the tournament MVP, had a steal and layup that gave Purdue a 59-58 lead with 9:06 remaining. He capped the 8-0 run with a jumper that put Purdue up 64-59 with 6:16 left.

"E'Twaun got into a nice rhythm early," Painter said. "He made a couple of big shots, and he stayed really aggressive."

Robbie Hummel scored 20 points for the Boilermakers, and JaJuan Johnson added 11 despite playing 18 minutes before fouling out.

"It was a physical game, but it would have been even more phys-

ical if both teams weren't a little fatigued from playing [Sunday] night," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said. "I thought both teams played very well, and I thought we played well enough to win."

Joining Moore on the all-tournament team were Hummel, Chism, Tyler Smith of Tennessee, DePaul's Will Walker and Northern Iowa's Kwadzo Ahelegbe.

No. 3 Texas 85, Iowa 60: At Kansas City, Mo., Dexter Pittman scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half and Texas survived Cully Payne's miracle shot in the semifinals of the CBE Classic.

Texas (3-0) had its usual balanced scoring, with five players in double figures, and shot 55 percent to reach Tuesday's championship game against Pittsburgh. Jordan Hamilton had 16 points, Dogus Balbay 14 and Damion James added 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Longhorns.

Matt Gatens and Brennan Cougill led Iowa (1-3) with 11 points each.

No. 11 North Carolina 93, Gardner-Webb 72: Deon Thompson scored 22 points to help host

North Carolina bounce back from its first loss.

Tyler Zeller added 16 points for the Tar Heels (5-1), who led by double digits most of the way in the 599th victory for coach Roy Williams, now in his seventh year at his alma mater following 15 seasons in Kansas.

Grayson Flittner scored 32 points and hit nine three-pointers to lead the Runnin' Bulldogs (3-1).

No. 16 Louisville 80, Appalachian St. 53: Samardo Samuels had 16 points and Preston Knowles and Edgar Sosa added 11 points each for host Louisville.

Freshman Rakeem Buckles added six points and 10 rebounds for the Cardinals (4-0), who won their third game in three days.

Donald Sims led Appalachian State (2-3) with 19 points and Jeremi Booth had 14.

No. 19 Clemson 102, Winthrop 66: Trevor Booker had 15 points and 11 rebounds to help host Clemson win its 30th straight game in November.

The Tigers (4-0) haven't lost in college basketball's opening

month since a 79-70 defeat at Boston College on Nov. 26, 2004.

No. 21 Maryland 79, Chaminade 51: At Lahaina, Hawaii, Sean Mosley scored 19 points, Eric Hayes added 12 and Landon Milbourne had 10 to lead Maryland in the first round of the EA Sports Maui Invitational.

The Terrapins (4-0) advanced to a semifinal meeting on Tuesday with Cincinnati, which beat No. 24 Vanderbilt 67-58 in the first round.

Shane Hanson had 14 points and Steven Bennett added 12 for the Silverswords (0-1).

Cincinnati 67, No. 24 Vanderbilt 58: Yancy Gates scored 12 points in an 18-2 first-half run that set the tone for Cincinnati in the first round of the EA Sports Maui Invitational.

Ranked for the first time since March 17, 2008, the Commodores (2-1) didn't come out like a team that broke into the Top 25 earlier Monday.

Behind Gates, the Bearcats (3-0) broke from a 4-4 tie to take a 22-6 lead midway through the first half.



Schedule: No rest for the weary

Players go from one sport to next

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KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — It goes with the territory, coaches and players say, the quick transition from fall to winter sports. To some it seems to take place with the blink of an eye and begs the question: Is there enough time between seasons?

On Nov. 14, DeEric Harvin and Stanley Schrock quarterbacked Yokota and Kadena to victory in the Far East Class AA football playoffs. Just six days later, they and a handful of their gridiron teammates suited up to play season-opening basketball games.

"It would be nice to have some time off my feet to recuperate — and not just me but five or six other players," Harvin said after Yokota got swept at Edgren. He played on two sore ankles and two sore shoulders from football.

Aside from dings and bruises, players need time to adjust from one sport to another, Yokota junior Jordan Herrera said.

"You have to get used to the fundamentals, get the handwork right, get the footwork right," he said.

Football and basketball conditioning also differ, Kadena sophomore Corey Hankerson said. "Running up and down the court, you have to have more stamina and get into a basketball rhythm," he said.

Such transition isn't limited to the athletes.

"Everybody needs a break," said Steve Boyd, who coached Seoul American to its second straight Far East Class AA cross-country title on Nov. 10 and then began basketball tryouts on Nov. 16.

"You're backed right to the door of the winter sports season. Most coaches coach more than one sport a year. Coaches need time to transition from one sport to another. We need the break."

Not everyone shared those viewpoints, however. Even Hankerson, who, while wanting some-

thing of a break, also said he doesn't want to go stale. "I don't want to get out of shape (or) get bored at home without a sport to do," he said.

Others said they'd just as soon get on with business.

"Would a break be nice? Absolutely. But the guys who came out of football were tired, but they were ready to go," Kadena boys basketball coach Robert Bliss said. "I think it works out just fine."

"I want some games," Kubasaki girls volleyball and basketball senior star Gabby Falco said. "I don't need the break. Who needs the break? This is what I do: sports."

DODEA Pacific Far East Athletics Council chair Don Hobbs says he fields e-mails from coaches asking "When can we start?" — including three requests from coaches to begin practice early.

National Federation of State High School Association rules mandate 10 practices before a team plays a game. With the schedule as it is, "most times we don't even get that," Boyd said; his first game was Wednesday, after his Falcons' seventh full practice as a team.

Noting Yokota's trip to Edgren, Boyd said, "I don't know how you do that, force Yokota to go all the way to Misawa with three practices-tryouts. That's ludicrous."

Boyd and others suggested a "dead week" immediately after the fall season, so players can rest up from injuries, make up school work and coaches can transition from one season to the next. "We need leadership to stand up and say this," Boyd said.

Hobbs said he sees little wrong with holding limited practices, giving athletes enough time to visit teachers and make up missed work. But he does agree that playing games a week after fall season ends is wrong.

"The 20th is a bit early, no matter how you figure it," Hobbs said, adding that he plans to "get more involved" with regular-season



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Kadena senior forward Stanley Schrock puts up a shot over Kai Yamaguchi of Kubasaki on Sunday. Schrock and the Panthers won their third game in as many tries just one weekend after Schrock quarterbacked Kadena to the Far East Class AA football title.

scheduling. "That's too early, and I'll step in to ensure that's dealt with in a correct way. I might seriously have to look at saying no games can be scheduled until a certain date."

But in many cases, the schedule has no wiggle room, especially in Japan and Korea, where the leagues have grown by 25 to 33 percent the past few years, creating what one Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference official calls a scheduling "nightmare."

International schools take different Christmas breaks than their DODEA counterparts, some lasting as long as three weeks. Then there are DODEA exam weeks, SAT Saturdays and other so-called "blackout" dates.

KAIAC added two schools to Division I, giving it eight. Prior to 2005, league play began in December; this season, it began Nov. 18.

Japan's Tokyo-area schools play full schedules against DODEA

Japan and Kanto Plain teams and added games against Yokohama and St. Maur. Prior to 2000, Kanto play didn't begin until after the New Year; this season, it began with the games Nov. 20.

"We have to look at the present schedule and see what tweaks we need to make," Hobbs said, adding that he doesn't foresee the need for "major adjustments."

Whatever adjustments are made, Boyd hopes they include a specific period needed for the injuries to heal, the missed assignments to get done and for students to "get back into the groove of school."

"That would help the kids. It's doing what's best for them, athletically and academically," Boyd said. "The powers that be should say, 'Let's do this. Let's give them a break. Let them breathe a little before they go into the next season.'"

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Schedule

Japan
Boys basketball
Saturday, Nov. 28
St. Maur at Christian Academy In Japan, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1
ASU at Kinnick, 5:30 p.m.
St. Maur at Yokohama International, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2
Christian Academy In Japan at Yokohama International, 5:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Tuesday, Dec. 1
Zama at Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m.
Yokota at Christian Academy In Japan, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2
Kinnick at ASU, 5:30 p.m.
Seisen at Christian Academy In Japan, 5:30 p.m.

South Korea
Division I basketball
Wednesday, Nov. 25
Taejon Christian International at Daegu American, 3:30 p.m.
Yongsan International-Seoul at Seoul American, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2
Seoul American at Seoul Foreign, 3:30 p.m.
Yongsan International-Seoul at Seoul International, 3:30 p.m.
Korea International at Osan American, 3:30 p.m.

Division II basketball
Wednesday, Nov. 25
Indianhead International at Gyeonggi Suwon International, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2
International Christian-Uijongbu at Indianhead International, 3:30 p.m.

Guam
Wrestling
Wednesday duals begin at 6 p.m., Saturday duals at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25
Okkodo vs. George Washington, John F. Kennedy at Guam High

Saturday, Nov. 28
John F. Kennedy vs. St. Paul Christian, Okkodo at Simon Sanchez

Wednesday, Dec. 2
John F. Kennedy vs. Okkodo, St. Paul Christian at Simon Sanchez
George Washington vs. Notre Dame, Southern at Guam High

Girls basketball
Games begin at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 27
Harvest Christian Acad. at Okkodo, Simon Sanchez at St. Paul Christian
St. John's vs. John F. Kennedy at Sports Complex, Harmon
George Washington at Guam High Academy of Our Lady of Guam vs. Southern at Agat Gym

Saturday, Nov. 28
St. John's at St. Paul Christian
John F. Kennedy at Harvest Christian Acad.
Okkodo at Simon Sanchez
George Washington at Academy of Our Lady of Guam

Tuesday, Dec. 1
St. John's at Harvest Christian Acad.
Okkodo at St. Paul Christian
John F. Kennedy at Simon Sanchez
Notre Dame at Academy of Our Lady of Guam

Guam High at Southern
END REGULAR SEASON

Baseball
Saturday, Nov. 28
Southern vs. Father Duenas Memorial at Leo Palace, 10 a.m.

George Washington at Okkodo, 10 a.m.
John F. Kennedy vs. Simon Sanchez at Okkodo High School, 12:30 p.m.
St. Paul Christian vs. Guam High at Okkodo High School, 3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 30
St. Paul Christian at Okkodo, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1
Guam High vs. Father Duenas Memorial at Leo Palace, 4 p.m.

Southern vs. John F. Kennedy at George Washington High School, Mangilao, 4 p.m.
George Washington vs. Simon Sanchez at Okkodo High School, 4 p.m.

Boys soccer
Matches begin at 4:30 p.m. except where noted

Wednesday, Nov. 25
St. John's at St. Paul Christian
John F. Kennedy at Harvest Christian Academy

Okkodo at Guam High
Southern vs. Notre Dame at George Washington
Simon Sanchez at George Washington, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28
Simon Sanchez vs. Notre Dame at George Washington

Southern at Guam High
Harvest Christian Acad. at St. John's
John F. Kennedy at George Washington, 6 p.m.
Okkodo vs. Father Duenas Memorial at Leo Palace, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2
St. Paul Christian at Okkodo
St. John's at John F. Kennedy

Okinawa
Basketball
Thursday, Nov. 26-Saturday, Nov. 28
Kadena and Kubasaki at 40th Hong Kong International School Holiday Basketball Tournament.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jason Sumpter

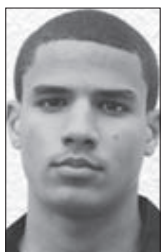
Basketball, Kadena

Last week: Debuted handsomely as the Panthers won three games over the weekend, 92-58 over Koza and 76-55 over Kitanakagusuku on Friday and Saturday at home and 68-57 over Kubasaki at the Okinawa Convention Center in Ginowan.

Sumpter, a junior transfer from Brussels American in Belgium who played JV ball for Kadena two years ago, averaged 20.3 points and 11 rebounds in the three victories. He along with his half brother, senior Jeremy Howell, give the Panthers an inside presence they've not had in two seasons, coach Robert Bliss said.

"He knows how to get to the basket and get inside position, and that's how he's able to get a lot of his points," Bliss said. "He has good court awareness, too."

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Ashley Hawkins

Basketball, Edgren

Last week: Played a key role at the guard position as the Eagles swept their DODEA Japan season-opening two-game weekend series at home against Yokota.

Hawkins, a senior and the reigning Far East Class A Tournament Most Valuable Player, scored 17 points and recorded 11 steals as the Eagles downed the Panthers 52-34 on Friday, then added 20 points and 14 steals in Edgren's 56-35 triumph over Yokota on Saturday.

"Ashley is a great athlete with great determination and drive," coach Sarah Richardson said. "She sets the tone on the court for others to follow, especially the younger players. Edgren is very fortunate to have such a fantastic female role model."

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